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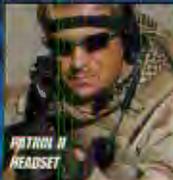


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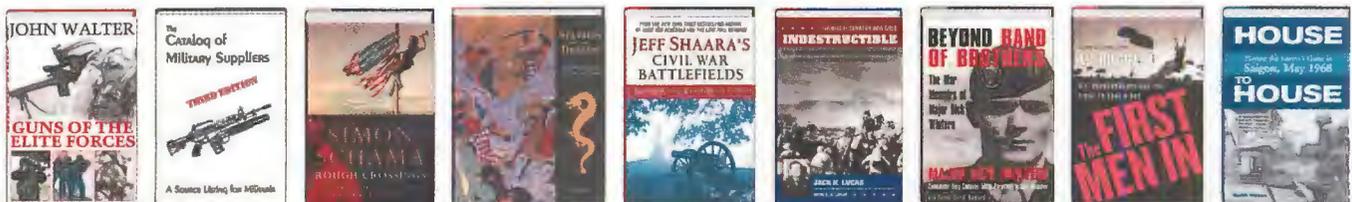
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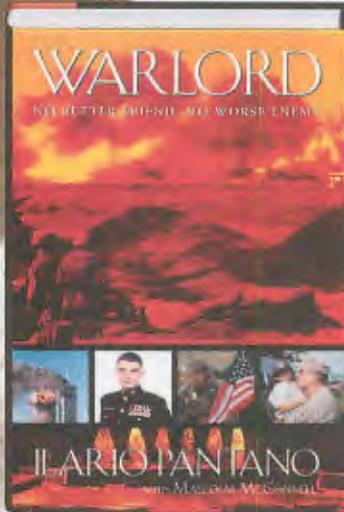


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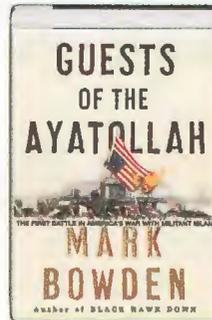
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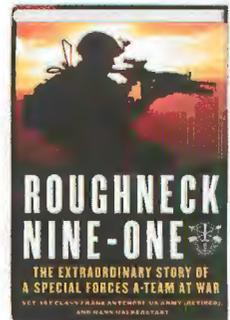
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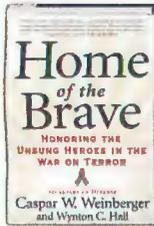


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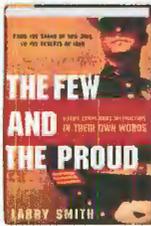


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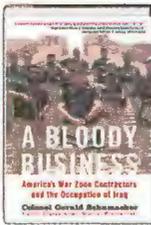
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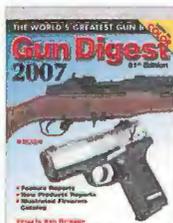
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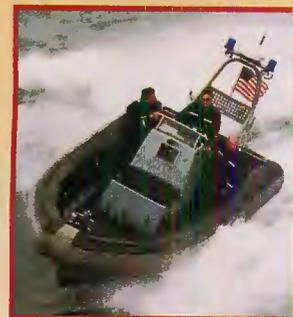
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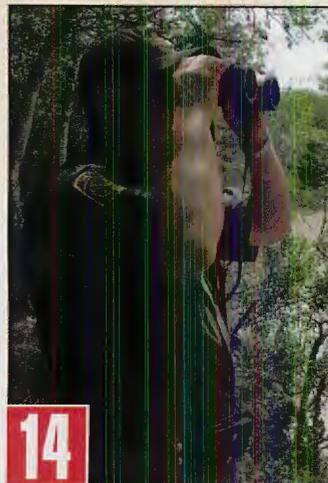
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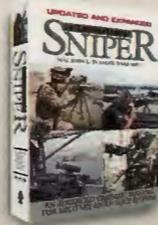
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Respect for Service

I went to the weekly Friday-night "Tattoo" or military ceremony put on by the USMC, the USMC Band, and the USMC Drum and Bugle Corps at their Marine Corps Barracks here in Washington, DC last night. It was a very dramatic and moving ceremony, highlighted by the famed "Silent Drill" where the rifle drill team goes through some pretty impressive paces without a word of command.

But there was a part of it that made me think, as a veteran of two wars and two other services, about handling your troops, your wounded and your veterans. When the audience was being seated, it was apparent that veterans, particularly Marine veterans, no matter what their age or their time of service, were specially honored by the young Marines escorting all to their seats. Throughout the preparation, this special feeling of kinship and honor was transmitted in various ways, including the announcements during the ceremonies.

All Marines present wore their Dress Blues, as well as their full-size medals, of which they were most proud — even those young Marines with the minimum awards to display. I can't say I've ever seen an occasion when any Army or Air Force troops wore their full-size awards, and if any would, they would have been made to feel out of place in the environment for their own service.

The latter Army-Air Force "environment" brings to mind the question: why award such medals if they are discouraged from display? Why not just award the ribbons without medals?

But, back to the ceremony.

The show started with the guests of honor, to whom the show was dedicated and all of whom had special seats for the ceremonies. The two prime ones were a Marine Lieutenant General, currently serving, and a Ma-

rine Medal of Honor winner from the Vietnam War, now working at DoD somewhere here in DC. However, the ones introduced before them who were given more honors were the recovering wounded from Iraq — seven badly wounded Marines currently going through rehab training and surgeries here in DC. Several appeared with prosthetic limbs or in wheel chairs. All were treated like heroes even though the medals announced for each consisted solely of the Combat Action Badge and Purple Heart, meaning they probably were blown up by the ubiquitous roadside bombs in Iraq and never even pulled the trigger. (Some may have been awarded additional medals for valor, but perhaps the Marine Corps did not want to distinguish some out of the rest by announcing those medals.) They were introduced, one at a time, and each marched solemnly alone (or, in one case, was wheeled out in a wheel chair by another Marine) from the Barracks to their place of honor in the stands. Each man's history was read aloud: his date of entry into service, his hometown, his unit and where, when and how he was wounded. No information about the wounds was given other than that he "suffered serious injury to the [arm, legs, head, etc.]" and that he was undergoing rehabilitation or undergoing surgery at Marine Corps facilities in the DC area.

The crowd gave them several standing ovations and they were made to feel like they were quite special. I could tell from the attitude of the young Marines around us, both in the audience and as ushers/guides, that they were impressed with the devotion and sacrifice each made — it was emphasized in their ceremony that night.

The impression I got from the night's ceremonies — and from Marine

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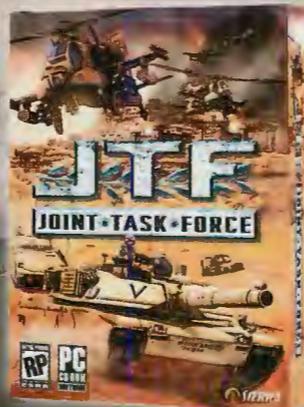
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Liberal Bent?

It is obvious that after six years or so of Republican rule that our goals of stronger borders, etc. are not being met.

In the August, 2006 issue, the article on page 64 ends with discussions of how big business can fine its pockets with cheap labor.

The column beginning on page six ends with comments regarding the promise "You'll gain security if you give up liberty" and our rights under the Constitution.

Liberals are known to dislike the "corporations" and be very unhappy about surrendering freedoms such as privacy.

Is *Soldier of Fortune* becoming slightly liberal or are we beginning to see the lack of response and accountability of our current crop of elected officials representing a Republican majority in Congress?

Alex Dreyer.

Baseless and Gratuitous Slur

I object to the baseless and gratuitous slur regarding "Big Business" being somehow responsible for the influx of alien invaders into our country. As a consultant to businesses of all sizes, I can attest to the fact that the large corporations your article vaguely alluded to have no interest in these invaders. There was a time, prior to 1986, when this was not true. At that time, in addition to Reagan's amnesty, companies were required to assure that their employees were legally here. Tens of thousands of engineers from the Asian subcontinent found themselves on the streets. Prior to then, a Phd from Pakistan could be hired for half the wage of a new graduate from Kansas. A "Big Business" for which I was working lost half their electrical engineers overnight.

The demand for the illegal invaders is from small family farms who can get their lettuce picked cheaply, and from the can-do small contractors who build and repair houses. Drive around a building site and try to communicate in English. These illegals are not assembling cars or tractors; nor are they designing them. They are not climbing the corporate ladder. Come on, guys - enough of the populist dribble.

Oh, yeah. I have a great idea for amnesty! For the next six months, any illegals who turn themselves in to authorities get a free, comfortable passage back to their nation of origin, and their names go to the top of the list for visas. For the next six months, they are on their own. The next year, they are detained for, oh, thirty days, then shipped back. The following year, they are detained for six months, their names put on a list for permanent exclusion, and shipped home. Anyone on the exclusion list who illegally enters

gets ten years. Ten years, and they don't get to send any money home, either. Whaddya think? Think we can get by without them? Hell, the question is, can they get by without us?

Sincerely,

Kelly Ray Caton, Senior Fellow,
The Velocity Institute, Tulsa, OK
Velocitus, Veritas, Validus

Dear Kelly,

The "Baseless and Gratuitous Slur" is well based in demonstrable fact. Thank you for your response and I am pleased that you work with law abiding, upstanding companies.

Your point of small farmers and other small business hiring illegal aliens is well taken. But I take exception to your charge that the statement in my article in a previous issue of SOF that big business promotes illegal immigration is a "baseless and gratuitous slur."

One dragnet operation last April targeting Houston-based IFCO Systems, Inc. resulted in arrests of more than 1100 illegal workers: 53% of the Social Security numbers on IFCO's payroll of 5,800 workers during 2005 were either bogus, did not match the name registered with the Social Security Administration for that number, or belonged to children or deceased people. Milwaukee Journal Sentinel made that report.

AP reports that well more than 100,000 illegal aliens moved to the Gulf States after Hurricane Katrina with promises by contractors of high wages to reconstruct the damage. AP calls the undocumented workers the "backbone" of the rebuilding. The news agency also points out the abuses.

And in a related trend, and one that is especially alarming because of the big bucks making legal implications, big business is making moves to legalize

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cheap skilled labor, resulting in squeezing out Americans. The Business Roundtable, a group made up of the CEOs of the nation's largest corporations, and the National Association of Manufacturers, lobbied for provisions in the Senate bill that would increase the number of skilled worker's H-1B visas from 65,000 to 115,000 by 2007.

Then let's talk about really big business. Bill Gates of Microsoft, who went to Washington to personally lobby, and Intel are some of those that pushed for immigrant high-skilled labor. Critics claim that it is about cheap labor costs, based on lower salaries paid to H-1B workers. That puts a crunch on Americans who have to spend enormous amounts of

money to get an education and risk being squeezed out by Indians, Chinese, or other nationals that accept much lower wages. The companies have enough money to attempt to change the immigration laws, but in the final analysis the goal is cheap labor. In just ONE YEAR, 2004, Microsoft reportedly spent \$9.46 million on hiring more than two-dozen firms for lobbying in Washington, with immigration listed as a top priority, according to the nonprofit Center for Responsive Politics. That same year, computer and Internet industries spent \$70.5 million on lobbying, with the same agenda, one reporter at salon.com wrote.

A very common ploy is for government municipalities and other agencies

to contract for labor, for example building roads and maintaining parks, etc. The contractors bid for the contracts, of course with the lowest bid winning the deal. I have spoken to contractors who say they have no chance of competing because the contractors with low bids hire illegal immigrants at low wages. Of course the government agencies take no responsibility because they do not "hire" the illegals.

Need I say more? If Microsoft officials seek your consulting services, maybe you can straighten them out.

I do find your solution to re-exporting illegals, quite intriguing.

Dr. Martin Brass



Passing the Torch

I appreciated the support that you provided 1-87 Infantry over the last year as I'm sure you already now; and I'd love if you pass on that support to another great Battalion of the 10th Mountain Division. Many have asked me for my recommendation for a unit, and I recommend 3-71 Cavalry: 3-71 Cavalry is

currently serving in Afghanistan in a rough area, and would be a great unit to support until their return in February 2007. This is LTC Mike Howard's second trip to Afghanistan, and is living in conditions less than we enjoyed over the last year. He's a great commander, and has a great unit... please pass on the support that you have provided my men. His POC is:

LTC Michael Howard
HHT, 3-71 CAV
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Please pass on your support, and again, I appreciate the support that you have given my men and me.

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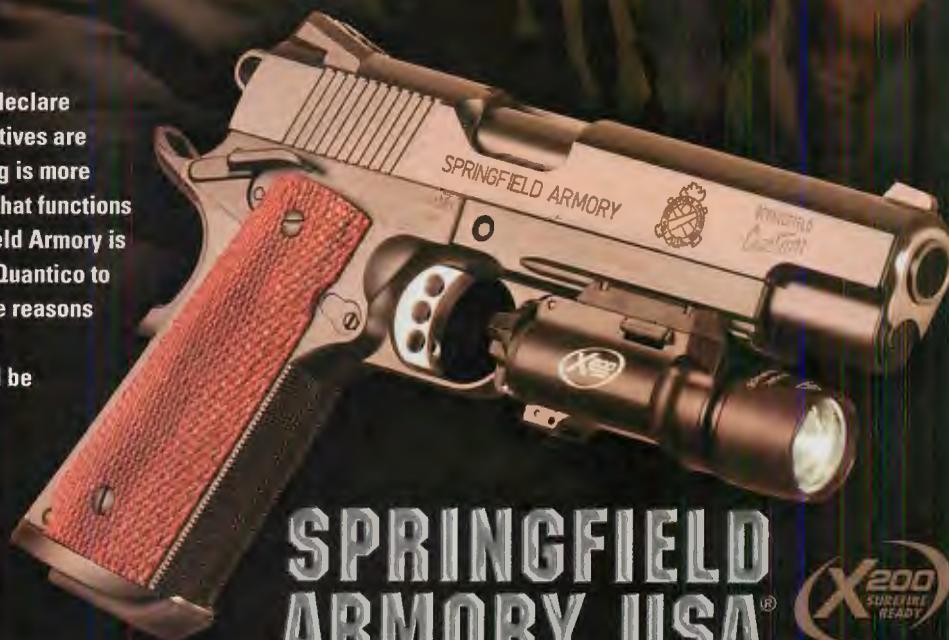
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Office, rising through the ranks and serving his last 12 years as Sheriff. Since then he has served a year as advisor to the Iraqi police in Baghdad, and did a tour as security detail in New Orleans after Katrina. He has been on the NRA Board of Directors since 1998. He won a U.S. Supreme Court decision on his suit challenging the Brady Law (Printz Vs. United States).

Now, Printz is running for the office of Justice of the Peace, Department 1, Ravalli County, Montana. Like all Good Guys and Straight Shooters running for public office, Printz needs – and richly merits – the support of those he would serve. Montanans, go to www.jayprintz4jp.com and familiarize yourself with his campaign and what he stands for. Then give them a call and see what you can do to help.

Some Don't Even Fade Away...

Having returned from Iraq in December, Cecil County, Maryland resident Col. William Bernhard is packing his bags and heading for the Gulf again – this time to Afghanistan. "My deployment papers just came in the mail," the 75-year-old Army surgeon told the *Washington Times*.

Col. Bernhard will be the oldest American still serving overseas. This time, he will go with an Oregon National Guard brigade and work mostly in a trauma station giving wounded soldiers emergency care. During his recent tour of duty in Iraq, Col. Bernhard provided medical care for Iraqi prisoners of war. This will be his second time serving in Afghanistan.

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The more things change, the more they stay the same... Paul Avallone shot this Afghan market scene, as it reminded him of a friend's back yard at home.



Kimber Donates \$400,000 to U.S.A. Shooting Team

Kimber® owner and President Leslie Edelman, here with SOF publisher Robert K. Brown, left, presented a \$50,000 check to the U.S.A. Shooting Team, another installment in a successful partnership agreement based on sales of Kimber Team Match II™ .45 ACP pistols. This check increases Kimber's contribution total to \$400,000, the largest donation by a firearms company in U.S.A. Shooting Team history.

To prepare for Olympic competition, the U.S.A. Shooting Rapid Fire Pistol Team is competing with pro shooters on the action shooting circuit: They chose Kimber to build their competition pistols. Kimber is offering the identical model – the Team Match II .45 ACP – to the public. Kimber will also donate \$100 from the sale of each Team Match II to the Team. The Team Match II has a stainless steel slide and frame. Custom features include 30 lines-per-inch front strap checkering and special red, white and blue U.S.A. Shooting Team logo grips. Team Match II pistols are currently available at over 2,000 Kimber Master Dealer locations across the country. Further information available at www.kimberamerica.com. Attaboy Kimber!



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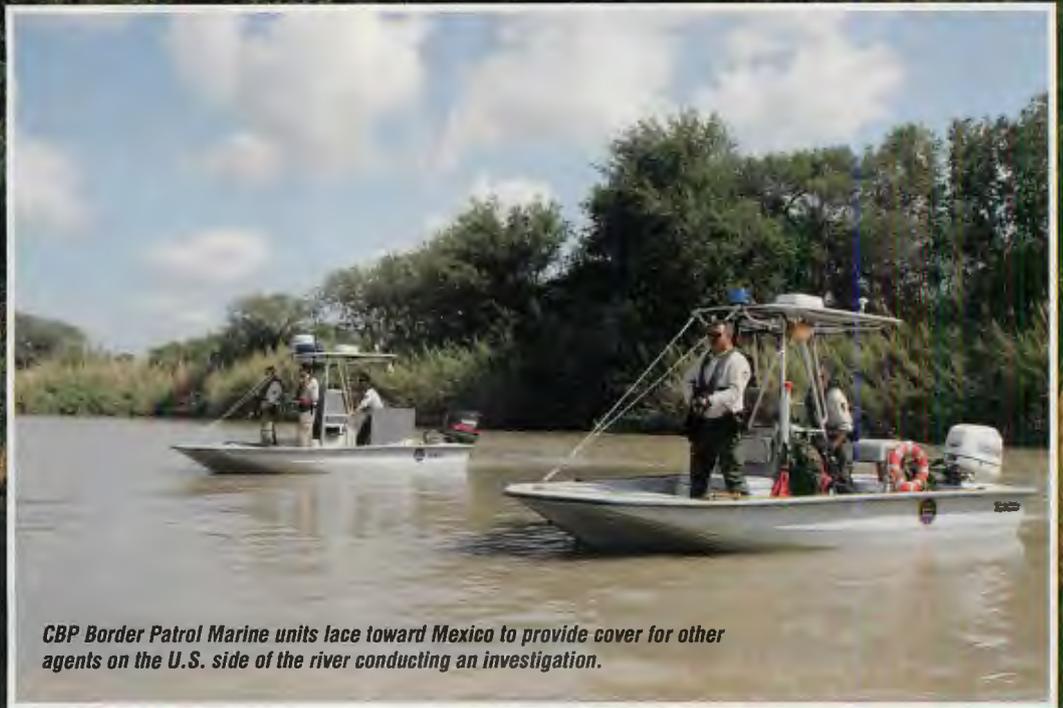
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The Twin Cities of Laredo, on Both Sides of the U.S. Southern Border Become Drug War Zones

By Dr. Martin Brass, Photos by James Tourtelotte Courtesy U.S. Customs and Border Protection (www.cbp.gov)



Laredos



CBP Border Patrol Marine units face toward Mexico to provide cover for other agents on the U.S. side of the river conducting an investigation.



Border Patrol marine officers patrol the waters of the Rio Grande.





A CBP Border Patrol Agent investigates a potential landing area for illegal immigrants along the Rio Grande River in Texas.

In August, 2004, two beautiful Mexican-American women in their twenties took the short drive from Laredo, Texas, across the Rio Grande to Neuvo Laredo, Mexico to celebrate one of the women's birthdays. They disappeared. Over forty other Americans crossing the five minute bridge from the Texas side of "Dos Laredos" to the Mexican side have gone missing. The mysteries of their disappearances are still unsolved.

"People have been kidnapped and then burned alive in gas drums," one journalist told CBS. "These types of

deaths have become bone-chilling."

Four Mexican under-cover Federal Drug Agents were killed in a gun fight as they approached a "safe" house used by one of the drug cartels that are trying to control the drug traffic through the city, Texas Rep. Ted Poe (R) told the Texas House of Representatives in May.

The U.S. Embassy in Neuvo Laredo was ordered to be temporarily closed after 30 masked gunmen opened fire on a suspected drug-cartel safe house blasting off its doors and strafing the facade with bullets.

Six men trapped in the house returned fire in a gun battle that raged for 20 minutes, littering the street with spent cartridges and sending neighbors diving for cover, Reuters recently reported.

Two years ago the El Manana's reporter who was exposing official crime in Neuvo Laredo, was stabbed outside his home. A year later, a reporter for the main radio station, was executed in broad daylight shot outside of the station's office. She had just filed a report on the assassination of a local attorney, according to the St. Petersburg Times.

One Police Chief was riddled with 35 bullets in 2005 after only seven hours of duty during the crackdown. Sixteen police officers were assassinated during the first few months of this year.

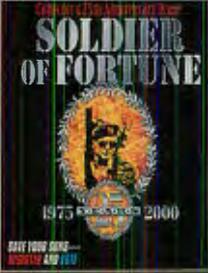
Just a Bridge From One Drug Haven to the Next

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Eric Micheletti, who served with the French Special Forces Anti-Terror Unit, has covered more wars and conflicts than most correspondents.



SOF Rendezvous With It's French Counterpart

By Dr. Martin Brass

Rowdy Soldiers in Camouflage Shorts

"I bought my first copy of *Soldier of Fortune Magazine* in Beirut in 1978 when I was a Para in a French Special Forces Anti-Terror unit," the famed French Combat Journalist Eric Micheletti told me in his office in Paris.

"I first met Robert K. Brown at a an *SOF* convention in Las Vegas in 1986. I was still totally impressed by *Soldier of Fortune Magazine* and anxious to publish a military magazine here."

"The French, who had seen publicity on *SOF*, and who are unfortunately a little arrogant, did not understand the magazine or mentality of rowdy soldiers in camouflage shorts. They thought the magazine was just for those who want to fantasize," Micheletti said.

Anyone who had ever been to the highly publicized, notorious *Soldier of Fortune* conventions would know that 'rowdy' must be a very polite French term for the wildest, most disorderly, boisterous, hard drinking, hard partying jamboree of any military heroes, veterans, wannabees, and observers in history.

"But I understood the seriousness of the magazine's military journalism," Micheletti added in his well-modulated

voice and thoughtful manner.

Whether Orderly or Chaotic, Adrenalin Rules

Like *SOF* Publisher Robert K. Brown, Micheletti had reached for the combat journalist's tempestuous skies, and both had succeeded through their warriors' fighting spirit and tenacious bull-headedness in spite of seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

Although the two magazines, one American, and one French, had to cater to different audiences in differing environments, both Brown and Micheletti had found a way to support their lust for adventure and an adrenaline rush – Brown with *SOF*, Micheletti with *RAIDS*.

I looked around Micheletti's well-organized office set in the heart of the city of architectural wonders and historical birthplace of artists, composers, and philosophers. The walls were decorated with military plaques, trophies, exotic flags, and combat photographs. The medals and uniforms and all of the symbols of a global career filled with adventure and packed with danger were in logical order.

The compact office in the crowded cosmopolitan heart of Europe was quite a contrast to the chaotic museum that

is Robert Brown's rambling office in Boulder, Colorado, a pretentious liberal aberration in the heart of cowboy country.

There, you also find scores of medals, photographs, plaques and flags, but the piles and displays fill the incredulous visitor's mind with either fascination or sensory overload. Heaps of books and folders are scattered here and there, trophies decorate every inch of the walls and doors. One has to be careful not to trip over the exotic memorabilia liberated from Viet Nam, Afghanistan, Rhodesia, South Africa, Asia, the Middle East, El Salvador, and every combat zone imaginable. Brown somehow managed to bring the wars back to his office.

Man-sized pickled brain either mesmerize or terrify the newcomer. Hunting trophies guard the entranceways, the

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Legends of the French Legionnaires and other Heroes

"When I came back from my various
deployments," Micheletti recollected, I
found it hard to find a copy of *SOF*, so
I was convinced that Europe needed a
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long closet love affair with some of the
most notorious French mercs, rogues,
and combat journalists in history, in-
cluding Bob Denard, Patrick Chauvel
and Yves Debay.

The imperialistic French were al-
ways involved in some military ad-
venture in Algeria, the Ivory Coast,
Morocco, Angola or Mozambique. The
French were in Syria and Lebanon in
the early 20th twentieth century, and
were the ones that left the Vietnam

fiasco before the United States got so
entangled in the civil war. They left
their footprints in Haiti, and French
Guyana, among other global hot spots.
France had victories, and she also had
her butt kicked.

Micheletti was the man for the job
of creating a French style *SOF*.

"I parachuted behind Russian lines,
where my unit dug a trench as we
searched for information on any future
atomic tactical attack. I penetrated into
China, was in South Africa, and in the
war in Mauritania when the French
Government supported the Mauritanian
army that was under attack," he said.

"I was a journalist in Ireland for one
year, supervising a technical military
magazine that failed. Then I came back
to France and met with a publisher
and told him I had a brilliant idea to
publish a magazine about armies and
war. The only magazine in the world
already doing this was *SOF*."

He had help from the famed combat
journalist and photographer Yves De-
bay, a French Foreign Legion veteran,
who Brown first met in Rhodesia in
1980 when they were in the last fire-
fight of the terr war together. Micheletti
and Debay had parted ways six months

before our visit in Micheletti's office.

A French-Style *SOF* is Launched

"The first 47 page copy, published
in the mid 1980's, covered some fiction,
survival, and NBC weapons. I laid out
the text and the photos," he recalled.
He still continues to decide all of the
editorial content and the layout.

"We print 35,000 copies a month
and sell 30,000. France is a small
country, so we have a presence on each
newsstand.

"I have covered every imaginable
conflict, including Kosovo, Bosnia, Is-
rael, Palestine, Afghanistan, Pakistan,
the Ivory Coast."

The energetic, ambitious Micheletti
is a prolific writer and is fascinated
with Special Forces and militaries of
different countries. His special fea-
ture books include *Special Forces*, *War
Against Terrorism in Afghanistan* and
Special Forces, *War Against Terrorism in
Iraq*, *Seals in Iraq*, and *Seals in Vietnam*.
I was especially intrigued by the copy
of the graphically stunning *Warriors
From the Deep: The Extraordinary His-
tory of the World's Combat Swimmers*.
It was in English, and I suspected that
an excerpt would be interesting to *SOF*
readers. Micheletti graciously provided

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Micheletti found it hard to find a copy of SOF in France, so he decided to found his own military magazine.

the excerpt (Please see the excerpt in this issue on page 40).

A French Combat Journalist's Philosophy on War

Micheletti had seen it all, and takes a philosophical view about the war in Iraq.

"I was worried that the main armies, the United States and the British were

involved and it was a pity the French army was not involved. It would have been interesting for training and operating in a real large operation since the French army has not fought a major battle since the end of Algeria.

"The first Gulf War was like running a race. I was on the battlefield just after to look around. It was not a war. Iraq would have been a chance for the

French army to be in a real war, since the French army does not have adequate equipment. It is only equipped for war in Africa not a real war.

"The Army is a total of 300,000 and many are spread out, 4,000 in the Ivory Coast, 2,000 in the Balkans, 1,000 in Afghanistan, more in Guyana and the Pacific."

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By Andrew Scott

Dear Friend,

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Have you ever had a pistol stuffed in your face by a desperate drug addict? Ever been in a knife fight, empty-handed? Been clubbed over the head by a stolen police baton? Or nearly beaten to death by 3 guys twice your size?

I have. It's not something I'm proud of, and it's not something that was necessarily my fault. But if you're alive long enough in this world you learn that sometimes "bad sh-- happens." It's real out there, it's bad, and it's nothing like what they teach in the karate schools.

Do you really think your current training could pull you through what I've just described? Please don't take offense, but I seriously doubt it.

Here's why: I had 2 black belts when the above happened to me. I was tough, competent, young and an aggressive sparrer. I've worked in security, high-risk collections & bodyguarding.

I learned the hard way that someone's certifications and pieces of paper on the wall don't mean squat - all that counts is what they can DO!

The Night My Life Changed Forever

One night at my dojo I was giving a private lesson to two of my advanced students. A guy had called and asked if he could come down to check out my school. "No problem" I said.

When he showed up, he had one eye and a few facial scars. He wasn't an "Arnold" but he looked as strong as a tank and walked like a panther. He was clearly "in total control."

He was respectful of me as a teacher, but he clearly could've mopped the floor with me if he'd wanted to. He had all six 100 lb Muay Thai bags swinging wildly at once, and he literally ran up the sides of the walls! I am dead serious.

When I faced him off with a student he would "tune out" to somewhere else and go into "kill mode." It was like he was in another world.

Needless to say, my students were SCARED TO DEATH and BEGGED me not to let him join the school.

While most instructors big egos would assure that, *I saw an opportunity*. When my students left I said to him "you can't join the school because you'd scare off all my students. But will you TEACH ME what you know? It's the most incredible thing I've ever seen!"

So every night after my studio closed, around 9 pm, he'd show up and give me a private lesson til around midnight. It was painful. It was brutal. It was the strangest, most bizarre training I'd ever seen. And, OH GOD HOW I LOVED IT!!

My Life Was Completely Transformed By What I'd Learned!

He had no name for his style. He never charged me a cent. He only asked me that I never mention his name. I never have, and I never will. To this day I consider him the greatest teacher and fighter of all time.

Keep in mind, up to that point I'd done the whole CQC, Ju-Jitsu, JKD Instructor thing - all of it, whatever you want to call it, with some of the top names in the field. But

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How can I say that? Very simple: I've personally studied and own over 4,000 Martial Arts Books, Instructional Videos & DVDs. That should tell you how SERIOUS I am about the subject.

A lot of the videos have some cool stuff, but none of them put it together in a way that shows you HOW, INSTANTLY! Except Mine.

You see, I asked myself "if I could only watch one DVD before the fight of my life, what should be in it?" And then I PACKED it with Everything You'd Ever Need! All that I've learned, you get!

I'm sure you're smart enough to realize that most DVDs aren't really "hard-core" enough, while at the same time being SIMPLE enough for the normal guy to understand instantly.

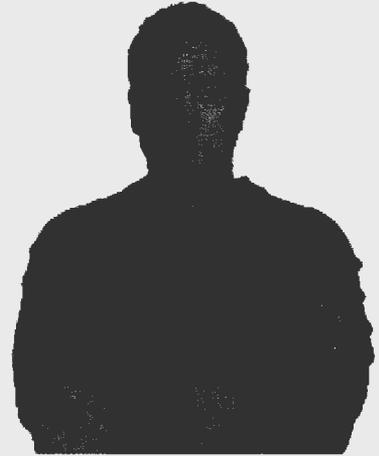
There are some good instructors out there but a lot of them are just egomaniacs who are out for money and want you to join their "guru cult."

Look. Fish don't try to swim, *they swim!* Don't try to react - *react!* Don't try to feel - *feel!*

I mean, does a fish need a membership card or a certificate in order to swim? NO! It just swims, instinctively, and THAT is the truth of "Martial Arts" and "Jeet Kune Do" I think Bruce Lee was really getting at - I mean,

SCREW ALL THE POLITICS!

It should be just what it is - is this info USEFUL TO ME, or not? That's why Bruce Lee said "Absorb What Is Useful, Reject What Is Useless..."



WHAT POWERFUL TRUTH! I LOVE IT!

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Through the crosshairs of an M24 sniper rifle, the Habbaniyah street scene appears deceptively quiet.

HABBANIYAH

A Day In the Life of Pennsylvania's National Guard Snipers

Text and photos courtesy CPL Frank McCann

The following is an unabridged after-action report of Teams Rooster and Colt, 1-110th INF HHC Snipers, Pennsylvania National Guard, courtesy CPL Frank McCann.

Shorthand Legend

ASR	Alternate Supply Route
E/B	East Bound
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
FOB	Forward Operating Base
IED	Improvised Explosive Device
MAM	Military-Age Male
MSR	Main Supply Route
N/B	North Bound
OP	Observation Post
QRF	Quick Reaction Force
RTO	Radio Telephone Operator
S/B	South Bound
SAF	Small Arms Fire
SAW	Squad Automatic Weapon (M249)
U/K	UnKnown
W/B	West Bound
YOA	Years Of Age

Habbaniyah, Iraq: Mission conducted on a cold, fall day. Teams Rooster and Colt on operation.

Task/Purpose: Over-watch of MSR Michigan; interrupt insurgent activity and observe and engage insurgents emplacing IEDs.

Team: CPL McCann (Sniper Team Leader), SGT McIntyre (Sniper Assistant Team Leader), SPC Parsons (Sniper), SPC Witer (Assistant Radiotelephone Operator) and PFC Phillips (RTO and SAW gunner).

At or about zero-dark-thirty left gate of FOB Habbaniyah.

Infil by military vehicle at pre-designated rendezvous, cleared hide site and occupied same. There were two OPs set up on the second level of the structure: one on the east and the other on the west. Noticed while clearing the OPs were cinderblocks standing on end that could have been used as OPs for the insurgents. There were also food remnants and cigarette butts in both OPs. A third structure that is situated on the ground level, SW corner of the hide site, contained two cinder blocks standing on end below the window facing the west, were also believed to have been used by the insurgents. SGT McIntyre and SPC Parsons occupied the east OP and CPL McCann occupied the west OP alone. There was also a two-man security/commo element on the stairwell between the first and second floors.

At u/k time, SPC Parsons observed a dark-colored four-door vehicle to be traveling east bound in the west-bound lane just east of the bull pen. It is believed that the vehicle was traveling in and/or through the bull pen. The

vehicle was observed shortly after hearing the 611 Bridge shooting automatic fire at (an) unknown target(s). All snipers within the hide could hear rounds traveling/ricocheting over their heads and about their OPs.

SPC Parsons observed two MAMs walking near the MSR and the Jersey barriers on the east end of the Bull Pen. Subjects were scanning both east and west and crouched down near a tree on the southern shoulder of the MSR near the NW corner of a residential compound.

Mid-morning, observed two MAMs in front of the market on the south side. They were standing in front of businesses that were closed and pacing up and down the market front. They would scan both east and west down the MSR, but did not walk out to it - only scanned from the market front, which sits on the south side of the ASR.

Of the MAMs, one approximately 17-19 YOA was wearing a multicolored, vertically striped L/S shirt with the base color being beige, and blue jeans. He also had long sideburns. The second MAM was approximately 16-18 years of age and was wearing a white shirt with blue vertical stripes, covered by an OD green corduroy jacket and blue jeans. These two MAMs would both pace east and west in front of the markets and scan east and west down the MSR. They would also walk to the east end of the market where there was one business open. They would speak with the worker there, then return to the west and pace/scan more. This behavior continued on and off until approximately 1300 hrs, at which time both MAMs left southbound

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from the market and did not return.

Mid-day, SGT McIntyre turned the M24 sniper rifle over to SPC Parsons. Shortly after mid-day, SPC Parsons observed three MAMs running from the south shoulder of the MSR to the median. The MAMs were observed by SPC Parsons to be carrying what appeared to be an IED with a base station. SPC Parsons then shot the one MAM that was just on the north side of the median (4852 mils @ 118 meters). The MAM fell to the ground and was believed to have fallen on the IED, the base station, or both. The other two MAMs began to run from the median back to the south shoulder. They both stopped and turned to see where the third MAM was. It appeared as though they were yelling for him and waving their arms frantically in the air. SPC Parsons took aim and again shot, hitting another MAM in the torso. That MAM fell to the ground and thrashed about. The third MAM began to run south again. SPC Parsons led that MAM and fired a shot, believing to have hit him; However the MAM did continue to flee south. The second MAM was then observed to get up and run to the south as well.

Shortly after the third shot, SPC McCann called SGT McIntyre on the radio and said that there was activity at the end of the market. A shot rang out and CPL McCann advised SGT McIntyre that a MAM had approached the MSR and retrieved what appeared to be a base station from a hole, then ran back to

the south. CPL McCann did fatally shoot that insurgent (200 meters). CPL McCann then shot again and advised SGT McIntyre that another individual was picking up the base station and running to the south. CPL McCann did fatally shoot that insurgent as well (220 meters).

EOD and QRF arrived on scene at which time all snipers were scanning their target area, providing over-watch and security for the ground forces. As EOD dismounted from their Cougar vehicle and deployed the robot "Nick," SGT McIntyre observed a MAM in a second story window of what appeared to be an apartment building that sat directly to the south of the market (location 3640 mils at 190 meters). He was kneeling down in the window, talking to somebody in the room. SGT McIntyre scanned the other windows and observed two more MAMs standing in the window next to the MAM who was kneeling, one to one side of the window and one to the other side of the window. SGT McIntyre advised the ground troops on the net while SPC Parsons was handing SGT McIntyre the M24 sniper system. The MAM was observed firing a round in the direction of the EOD robot. SGT McIntyre then fatally shot the insurgent in

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(top) SPC Patrick "Doc G" Presto (1-110 INF), CPL Frank "Maddog" McCann (104th Long Range Surveillance) and SPC Dan "The Factor" Lenker (104th Long Range Surveillance) pose before a mission. (middle) "Maddog" carefully scopes out a target before drawing a bead on what would be his first kill. (bottom) "Ski" and "Maddog" strike a congratulatory pose after a successful kill.



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Dear Friend,

My name is Bob Pierce... and I have *serious "inside" knowledge* about every "new" fighting system that's ever been available to martial art and military circles. *Real* fighting... especially the vicious, **no-rules** attacks and fights you're every likely to see in the street... has **changed forever!** Almost *everything* you know is obsolete, and I don't care how long you've been training or who you've trained with.

Every fighting system I've seen is just **too damned complicated** to master in a reasonable time (and they're just lying to you if they say different)! I'd almost given up trying to find an *honestly* simple fighting system that was easy to master (not just "learn")... and that I could count on if I was forced to defend myself.

And then I stumbled on something...

Let me tell you a very short story that may be the most important one you ever hear in your life: Just outside of Tulsa, Oklahoma, there's a beat-up warehouse where certain "unusual" types of people like to gather. If you're a stranger out here, you're not just unwelcome...

You're Meat!

And it's very easy to tell if you're not one of the "in" group: These guys are **Skinhead Neo-Nazi's**... probably the most *vicious* and *dangerous* punks roaming America. Skinheads never need a *reason* for violence — just being alone and close enough to jump will make you an **instant victim**.

These Sick Jerks Actually Enjoy Hurting And Humiliating People!

Anyway, on this particular night an ordinary-looking man named **Chris Clugston** made the mistake of driving out to this isolated warehouse. He thought he was going to have some simple fun on a hot summer night. He didn't have much money on him — maybe *one little nickel* in his pocket. Remember that — a single nickel. Not even enough to leave as a tip at the makeshift bar.

Entering the place, Chris didn't know what to make of all the skinheads giving him the "evil eye". He thought they just had really bad haircuts and silly taste in clothes. He felt no fear... in fact, as he passed a table of them, he reached out and good-naturedly rubbed one of them on the scalp. "Nice haircut, fella," he said.

Three skinheads stood up and quickly cornered him. The band played on.

Now, you have to get this scene right to understand the *importance* of what happened next: The *smallest* of the three Skinheads coming at Chris was his same size; the others were taller, more muscular, heavier.

They were reaching for objects in their pockets (it was too dark to see clearly) smiling with relish for the stomping they expected to hand out. No one in the warehouse had the slightest urge to help or stop the fight. There was nowhere for Chris to escape.

In less than a second, he suddenly realized he was about to be jumped by **three experienced streetfighters**... and if he didn't do something right *NOW*...

His Life Wasn't Worth Much More Than That Nickel in His Pocket!

Well, what would *you* have done? You know, in your heart, you run the risk every day of being in the same situation... cornered by punks who want to do you **serious harm!** They don't want your nickel, they want the thrill of stomping your face into hamburger.

It could be in a parking lot downtown, in a movie theatre, outside your local 7-11... *or in the cool darkness of your own bedroom, late at night!*

Have you *seriously* thought about what will happen to you during **real-life crunch time**... where *your* life (and that of your loved ones) aren't worth a plugged nickel?

Back in that lonely Tulsa warehouse, Chris didn't have *time* to think. He didn't *need* to... in a *blink*, he turned that **nasty situation around 180 degrees**... and those three Skinheads, *even though they were poised and ready to attack*, found themselves suddenly thrust into a world of pain and confusion. But Chris didn't use anything that even *remotely* resembles karate, or Judo, or Tai Kwan Do, or even boxing or wrestling. No. Instead...

Chris Did Something These Experienced Fighters Had Never Seen Before... And Hope They Never See Again!

There were other Skinheads in that old warehouse that night... *but they didn't bother Chris!* Not after they saw what he did (with an absolutely **chilling** calm and sense of confidence) to those three streetfighters who cornered him! There was something in his eyes... something the *first* 3 punks missed in the dim light... that now warned the rest of them away.

The fight didn't take three seconds... because while two of the Skinheads went down hard *immediately*, the third broke and ran, and Chris couldn't catch him! These guys have been spotted around Tulsa occasionally since then, and they're still "jumpy". **The people who saw what Chris Clugston did that night all report the same thing:** It was like nothing



Chris Clugston (considered to be one of the most dangerous men on earth) insists that he can teach *anyone* his simple (yet highly advanced) fighting secrets.

they'd seen before... the quick moves looked *too easy and simple* to have actually worked...

And Yet The Results Were Instant And Devastating Beyond Belief!

What Chris (the most normal-looking and *likable* guy you'll ever meet) used is the **strangest fighting technique imaginable** — unlike anything you have ever seen before... and yet (for guys like you and me) it is absolutely the most *ruthless and effective fighting style ever devised!*

- Hard-core streetfighters end up being *bullied* by people half their size using this system!
- Trained boxers *can't land a punch!*
- Karate black-belts *never get a chance to strike*... and any *defensive* move they make only gets them hurt more seriously!
- Even the *highest-level* "elite" training in the U.S. military won't help a soldier last beyond a *few seconds* in hand-to-hand combat against this new, utterly-*unique* fighting system!

I *never, never* want to feel what it's like to be on the *other end* of this amazing stuff! Nevertheless, once you see how it's done, you'll see that this new fighting system is:

- **Incredibly easy to master in short time!** (People who have only been *shown* these moves — and never actually *done* them — have nevertheless had tremendous success in "crunch time"... with *devastating results* for their attackers!)
- **So simple you can actually "learn it and forget it"...** and yet it will be there for you whenever you need it! (There are only **6 components** to the *entire* system... *less* to remember than most karate schools have for *one fancy kick!*) In fact, you can learn more intense fighting skills in one **short hour** than you'd learn in a *month* of "formal" martial arts!
- **And yet these fighting secrets require**

no special strength, speed or coordination to get started! (*Everything* you need, Chris can teach you in about the time it takes to eat a big meal!)

I knew this was something you'd want to know about right away. This new system — Chris calls it "Combat JKD" — is a completely different way of fighting "in the street", where you'll likely be if you ever need help.

I think what Chris has is just perfect for guys like you and me. Perfect because you don't need to train much... you can use what you learn immediately... and (because it's so incredibly simple)...

You Will Face Any "Situation" With A Steel-Eyed Calm Confidence You've Never Experienced Before!

This new fighting system simply did not exist until a few short years ago! Chris Clugston — as far as I know — is the *ONLY* man in the world who was in a position to take modern fighting methods... and create new "twists" to them that are so innovative... so amazingly natural (you'll never feel awkward or have trouble learning any of it)... and so *instantly devastating*... that what he wound up with is an entirely NEW way to fight. None of his methods would be allowed in the boxing ring, or in a karate match, or in any kind of fight...

Where The "Rules" Say You Must At Least Give The Other Guy A Chance To Hit You Back!

This is the most honestly brutal, *bam-BAM*-and-you're-done kind of fighting you could ever imagine... and the best part is, it's especially easy for "non-fighting" types of people to master quickly!

That's because Chris Clugston spent a *lifetime* searching where no one thought to look for the simplest fighting secrets of the world. Here's the story:

- Streetfighting has been his overriding passion since he was 12 years old. (He earned black belts in 5 different martial arts before he was 20!) He even learned 7 languages so he could travel the world and uncover new styles of fighting and techniques that hadn't reached the U.S. yet!
- Chris fought professionally for over 8 years (twice as long the average pro)... becoming one of the world's most accomplished fighters! (He was Number One World Rated in Shoot Boxing for 1991-1992... American Kickboxing Colorado Champ for 2 years... as well as Maximum Total Light Heavy Champ, despite fighting in a higher weight class!)

He also won over 50 vicious, no-rules streetfights during this time. This is how he realized how *stupid* it is to master any martial art style that has rules. The real world of streetfighting has no rules! Even the most brutal-looking "official" fighting systems can actually get you killed in the street... and the "confidence" you get from years of dedication to any formal training...

Is A Total Sham!

Then, about a decade ago, Chris was invited to "try out" with perhaps the most secretive group of people in the U.S. — a small, almost fanatical "fringe" bunch of fighters who had developed a combat-oriented system that emphasized simple moves... and brutally-phased endings to every fight.

This "over-the-top" fighting style was

what Chris had been searching for! But because of his travels... his Soviet training... and all his professional insights... plus all the "official" martial art know-how he had... Chris brought something NEW to the table that even these hyper-secret fighters didn't understand. Chris realized that even the most cutting-edge fighting styles were still shackled with moves based on centuries-old situations involving fencing, stick-fencing and ritualized combat!

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A Poor Man's Sniper Rifle

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Text & Photos by Craig Roberts



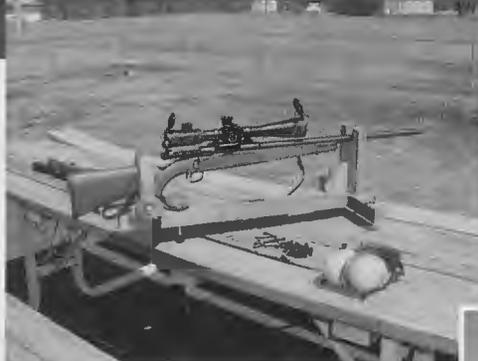
Craig Roberts shooting Savage 10FP .223 sniper rifle with Barska scope. Range 85 yards to 1" and 2" bulls. The shot groups were close enough to be accurate for police sniper use when a shot must hit the "no-reflex" zone on the target's head.

For those who might be interested, I have just built up what I call a "Poor Man's Sniper Rifle." With top-notch rifles exceeding \$1000 with scope and accessories, I wanted to see what I could put together for around \$700 that would shoot with the high-dollar sticks.

I already owned a Remington 700 PSS police sniper rifle in .308 and a Remington 700 Sendero in .300 WinMag, both of which are tack drivers out to 500 yards, and hold very respectable shot groups out to 800 yards and beyond. But both, when equipped with a quality mildot scope and Harris bipods, exceed \$1200 in completed cost.

I had once owned a Savage 110FP in .308 and was very happy with its accuracy. In fact, my old friend Carlos Hathcock once spent a week with me and said that the Savage tactical rifle was "the best off-the-shelf stick for the money you could get." If it was good enough for the Gunny, it was good enough for me.

I've often been asked "what is the difference between a Remington 700



(left) Savage 10FP in sight-in stand. After sighting in, bipods were added for last 16 shots. (below) Closeup of the Barska 6x24 mildot scope showing large externally adjusted elevation and windage turrets. Mount is a Leupold twist-off mount. Knob on top of eyepiece is for the lighted reticle if used. Parallax adjustment is on the opposite side of the scope saddle.

and a Savage 110 when it comes to accuracy?" and I've normally replied "the shooter." It doesn't matter what you buy, it won't make a marksman out of you if you can't shoot to begin with. It takes proper training and practice, and a decent rifle with good optics, to hone your skills. But if you can't afford a top-of-the-line rifle with a high-dollar scope, what can you do on a limited budget and still be successful on the range?



(left) Looking down range. Target is an 11" by 17" paper with 1" and 2" bulls. Imagine this to be a looking into a window in a combat zone or hostage situation.



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The late Gunnery Sergeant Carlos Hathcock with Craig Roberts on range in 1989 teaching SWAT team snipers. Hathcock and Roberts worked the same areas south and west of Da Nang a year apart, Roberts in 1966 and Hathcock in 1967.

I decided to put something together for my grandson to teach him how to shoot, and also have a varmint rifle for my ongoing war on skunks and other predators that think they can come and go as they please around here. I decided to use .223 since ammo is cheap and there is virtually no recoil. I then bought a new, out of the box Savage 10FP, which is Savage's version of a heavy barrel tactical rifle (basically a varmint rifle with a plastic stock, on a short 110 action). Cost: \$478.00. I didn't do anything to the action as it comes with an adjustable trigger that felt fine as-is.

I decided to try out a Barska 6x24 mildot scope with large windage and elevation knobs that are externally adjusted, plus adjustable objective lens (AO). Having an AO lens means that if you wear glasses or reading glasses, you can adjust the scope to shoot without having to wear glasses — a big plus in inclement weather.

You simply adjust the crosshairs to be in focus with the lens focus ring and the target to be in focus with the AO. You can't do this with non-AO scopes.

The Barska has a large AO/Parallax focus knob on the left side of the scope that makes this very easy. It is made in Russia, but has clear multi-coated glass and appears to be well constructed. Cost: \$178.00. I installed it with Leupold base and rings (\$48.00). Total cost of the system without bipods: \$712.00.

I'm lucky, because I live in the country and my house backs up to 300 acres of gov-

The proof is in the shot groups. Once sighted in, the Savage cut the bull almost in half with shots 9 through 16.

ernment land. I therefore had a range set up that I can shoot from my back deck.

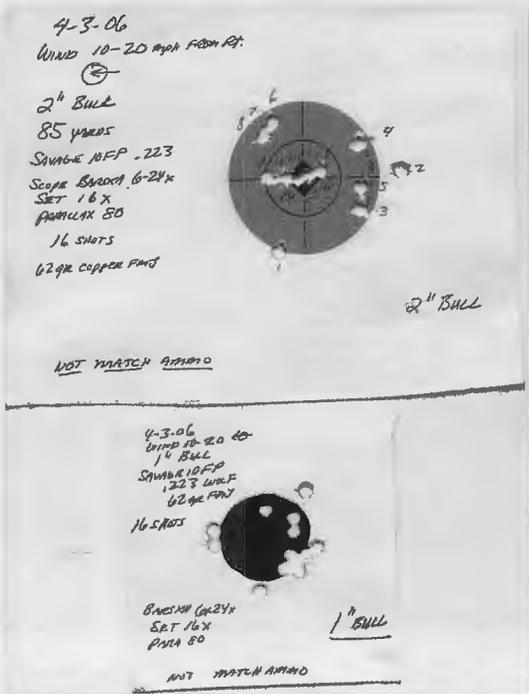
Using the rifle and sight-in stand I shot 20 rounds to sight in and make final adjustments, then 32 rounds "for score." Using cheap "Wolf" brand 65-grain ball ammo, I first fired 16 rounds at a 2" bull at 85 yards (maximum distance from my deck to the target board which is actually my pistol range berm), then 16 rounds at a 1" bull. Wind was blowing from the right at 10 mph gusting to 20, making it an interesting day to try and hold on target. I adjusted for point-of-aim, point-of-impact. The photos show how well the rifle (and the shooter) did despite the windy conditions. Not too bad for someone as old and beat-up as I am, and a rifle that didn't cost a thousand bucks! ✂

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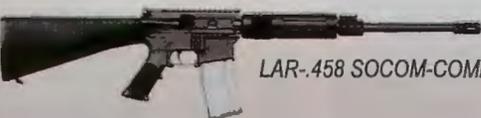
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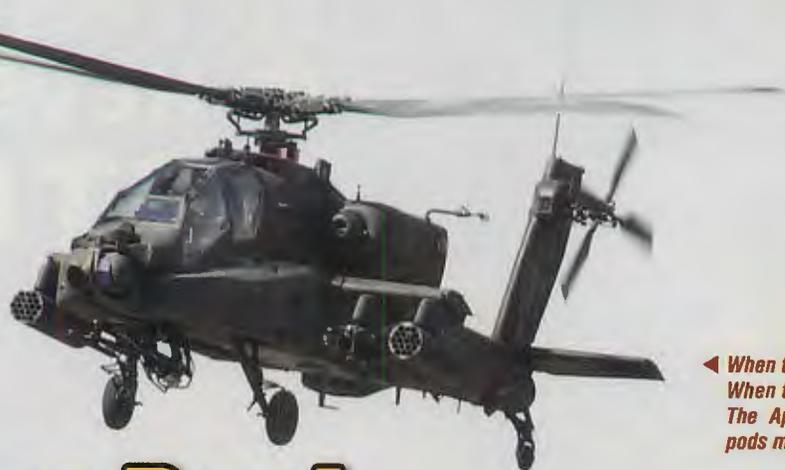
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Sniper Duel Across the Tigris

Better Bring Your "A" Game If You're Going to Sniper-Duel "Crazy Horse"

By SFC Dillard J. Johnson, Photos from Author's Files

The 3rd Platoon, "Crazy Horse" 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry had been all over Iraq. No longer horse cav, we did it in Bradleys, gun trucks, Blackhawks, boats, and on a lot of boot leather. A tour of hard and diverse action had forged us into a well-rounded fighting force. I was very proud of my platoon, most of whom had come to Iraq as kids and now were getting ready to rotate, all as mature young men who had put their lives on hold for the benefit of the Iraqi people. December was here and we all were looking forward to going home. It seemed like a lifetime had passed. I was looking forward to spending time with my wife Amy and riding my Harley with my good friend Rich Fuller. SSG John Williams wanted to get back hunting deer and women.

More than half

of my platoon would be leaving Ft. Stewart after our return to the states. We would have our replacements in Iraq in less than a week and it was very hard to keep my guys focused on the mission and on going outside the wire every day. One reason my platoon had been so successful and was

returning as a complete unit was the training we would conduct before every mission. My platoon never had a weapon malfunction: That's right, all of you who hate the M4 and M16, all you have to do is clean your weapon. Otis cleaning kits are in every arms room and they are the best cleaning kit ever made. Training and maintaining our gear helped us make it back home. If you have been watching the news then you know about the allegations in Haditha. I can tell you that the Marines in the Al Arbar Province are at the point of the spear. The biggest IED that hit my vehicle was just outside the town of Haditha.

Wind Down, But No Slow Down

With the insurgents still emplacing IEDs and killing soldiers we had not had a chance to slow



Sergeants Johnson (left) and Anderson pose with their protégé, the 3rd Public Order Brigade. The POB was in charge of security during election day, with the 7th Cav in an over-watch/911 role. It was a quiet election in this sector, after some decisive punch-ups with insurgents the day before.



From across the Tigris River, several hundred meters across, erupted hostile sniper fire directed at the Iraqi police station the day before the elections.

down and catch our breath. There would still be patrols done in our zone, but there would only be one big mission left. We had worked all year with the Iraqi army to help them prepare for the elections. We know what you were told and what you may think happened on that day. Now the real story: The U.S. Army was on the sidelines. That's right, the Iraqi Army and police were the ones out there at the polling sites making sure the Iraq people were safe, not the U.S. Army. We were ready to move and help if we were needed but for the most part, there was no need. Well the "most part" is where my platoon comes in.

I would have my platoon working in two sections. I would have SSG Williams working with 2nd platoon keeping the IEDs off our route, and I would be in the south with my new Lieutenant. He was right out of the U.S. Army's New Lieutenant School. He was green but wanted to learn everything I could teach him to make him a more effective leader. Second

Lieutenant David J. Dejesus was a very smart, quiet kid from Puerto. He served very well on our last tour in Iraq and was well on his way to becoming a fine officer and a real credit to the service, when he was tragically killed in a non-service-related accident after his return Stateside.

The Commander had a good plan: I would have four Bradleys, one MP and his dog with me. I would set up my section in a forward operation base at the 3rd POB (Public Order Brigade) Headquarters on the Tigris River, the day before the elections. We had just returned from one last check to make sure the Iraqi army was well prepared for anything that the insurgents might hit them with. I had put my guys down for some much needed rest. The last two months had been rough on my platoon we had been working 18-hour days. It was the day before the election at about 1000 hours when the soldiers of the 3rd POB opened fire with 14.7mm anti aircraft guns (the Iraqis love those

damn guns) from the roof of the old hotel in their compound.

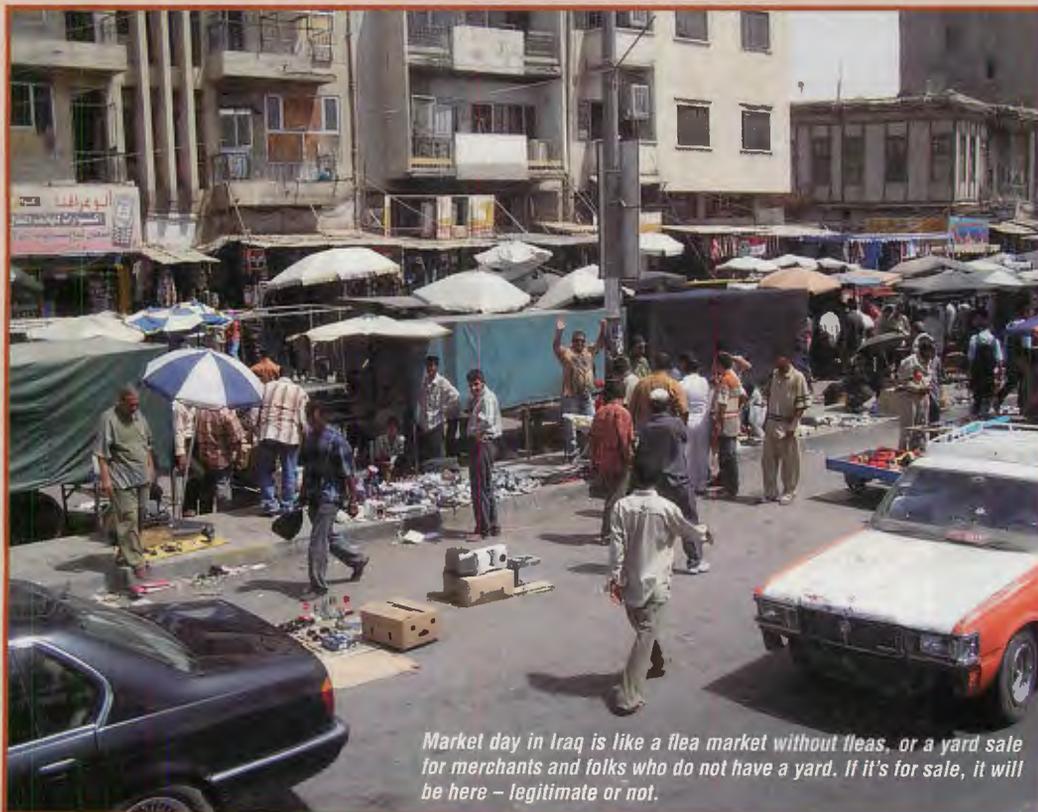
Much To Do About Something

They were shooting across the river. I know why we didn't go see what they were shooting at, the truth is the Iraqis like to shoot their guns more than I do and that is saying something. About five minutes later one of the Iraqi soldiers came up to us and asked for help. He said there was some wounded on the roof and they were taking sniper fire from the other side of the river. I told SSG Kennedy to get the guys moving and on the roof. I told SGT Cochran to call the CO and tell him we had been asked to help the POB as they were under fire and they had wounded, and that I would keep him informed.

I then looked to the top floor of the hotel and back down at the ramp on the Bradley, and there was my sniper rifle, the Barrett .50 cal, and Kennedy's M14. I snagged Kennedy's M14 and took off to the rooftop. Kennedy, on

the other hand was less than happy to carry it to the roof (hey, I'm old, give me a break). By the time we had made it to the roof, the Iraqis were pinned down by the insurgents.

I moved across the roof, putting my soldiers into position. SSG Kennedy set up his sniper rifle and was looking for the sniper. SGT Rodriguez spotted an insurgent moving with an AK-47 and fired on him at more than 500 meters, hitting him with the second shot. I was looking for the sniper but could not ID him. The insurgent's sniper was all over us. I was the only one moving on the roof and the insurgent sniper was hitting all around me. I had just



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got the M14 set up when a 7.62x54 round hit the wall next to my head.

So You Want to Play?

I was so pissed, I never wanted to shoot some one in the face as I did at that moment and then the bastard hit the wall again, hitting me in the face with part of the wall for the second time. A round hit next to my head but that was the insurgent's mistake: I saw the smoke coming from his rifle. It was a long way off. I used my Bushnell laser range finder to get the range. It was 852 meters... and there were two of them shooting at me and my men. They were lying down and I only had a head shot. The scope I had on my M14 was a mil-dot Bushnell Elite 4200 that I had not zeroed in the past month. Now that I had the range



The day after Johnson pushed the design specs on the insulated handle of his Gerber LMF II to cut through the high-voltage feeds to stadium lights that compromised their hide, Johnson and Kennedy pose for a wall-hanger picture for Mark Schindel of Gerber, as a tribute to a good piece of gear that saved the night for their sniper team.

of the snipers, I pointed them out to the rest of my platoon and told Kennedy to take the one on the right and I would take the left, and to fire after me. I fired. My shot was on line, but short by about 10 meters. That was close enough to make him stand up and when he did I fired three more rounds hitting him in the chest and hip. I told Kennedy the range adjustment and he fired at the second insurgent hitting him in the head. The insurgent fired at the same time that Kennedy fired, hitting the wall next to Kennedy and bouncing off Kennedy's hand. Then the woods emptied out. There were six or seven more insurgents running with weapons to a white truck. I then had the rest of my platoon open fire at the truck,

stopping it and killing all insurgents inside. This whole firefight had only taken 10 minutes from start to finish. I called up the Commander and told him what had happened. He said he would be by in about 10 minutes and wanted to see where the bad guys were.

Fast Shooters, Slow Learners

After the sniper battle with the insurgents, we were ready for a quiet night – thinking that the insurgents had learned their lesson, but as you know, some guys never learn. As soon as the sun had gone down I moved my Bradley and SSG Kennedy's Bradley out on the riverbank in over-watch of the far side. At 2300 hours, five insurgents pulled up across the river in a truck and started firing mortar rounds across the river at the 3rd POB headquarters. I had my Bradley sitting almost in front of where the jack-ass stopped. After the first round was fired, SGT Cochran had the truck in his night sight and opened up on the mortar team, killing two of them with the 25mm main gun on the Bradley. The 23 HE rounds took two insurgents out in a flash.

The other two jumped back in the truck and headed into the nearby town, leaving one of their buddies running after them. He didn't make it. The 25mm cut him in half. SGT Cochran had to stop firing at the truck when it went behind a farmhouse. We could see the truck but we could not shoot it without causing collateral damage. CPT Burgoyne was at a command post close by and had been tracking everything that had been going on, and had air support en route to us. Once again the apaches came in and picked up the truck right a way. CPT Burgoyne gave them the order to fire. The first Apache came in and opened up on the insurgent truck with his 30mm chain gun and then his wingman opened up on it. Needless to say, two more insurgents met their maker. And just for the record, the Iraqi people had a very peaceful election with no insurgent activity in Crazy Horse's zone.

The Second Arsenal of Democracy

The war in Iraq has moved the private sector into high gear, and I would like to tell you about some of the companies and their new products that they have out on the market. Some of them I tested in combat and like

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Then it was if the damn burst.

The old doctor's followers started telling me, (I'm Dr. Dave by the way), about how the Chinese Olympians trained, and what they used to get such spectacular results in swimming, running, and other sports.

At the last Olympics the Chinese showed very well. In Beijing they intend to dominate the Games, and the Cordyceps mushroom will be a large part of their training, allowing them to use a master key to unlock the door to unbelievable energy and endurance.

Oh... I almost forgot to mention that when the SARS outbreak had the whole world jumping up and down, screaming about vaccines and drugs, the Chinese quietly used the Cordyceps mushroom to help snuff out the epidemic.

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We're just starting to get a handle on what the Chinese have known about and used safely for a very, very long time, and I'm glad to be way out in front of the pack in this race. I believe I am at least ten years, and maybe twenty, ahead of the conventional medical wisdom in this country.

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The Wind Runners, who I mentioned earlier, have covered 100 miles in a day, drinking only a few cups of specially brewed tea, and Cordyceps is one of the ingredients.

Sorry, that formula will probably never be available.

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And don't forget, a whole brigade of world class Chinese athletes are training with a formula very similar to this one at this very moment.

I hope you didn't think that was it. It's not. Not by a long shot.

Keep This On The Down Low... Because It's Just For SOF Readers

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Or Secretariat... and we all know that the legendary champion Triple Crown Winner could go whatever distance it required to win; again and again and again. He not only could go the distance, he made it look like a walk in the park.

Did I mention the fact that he fathered 653 children while in retirement?

To the legends go the spoils.

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Lightning doesn't usually need to strike twice.

Instant Endurance has anti-tumor and anti-viral properties. You probably wouldn't mind avoiding cancer and a host of other deadly viruses. The Chinese used a formula similar to

Instant Endurance

treats SARS patients.

You can also improve

your memory without any silly workbooks or boxes of flashcards to study.

It can also work as

a stress buster, keeping your mood level, without rollercoaster ups and downs, and eliminating anxiety. I'm guessing,

but I think that might be a huge help in many a tough situation.

Who Uses Instant Endurance Now How about World

Champion Martial Artist and Fitness Legend Matt Furey – the best selling author of **Combat Conditioning, Combat Abs, Gama Fitness, and The Chinese Long Life System**, and a host of other fitness books, tapes, and DVD's.

Here's what he had to say: "This is truly a breakthrough product, capable of pushing you to new levels of strength and endurance, and you can accomplish these new things almost effortlessly. I found out I could work harder without even noticing until after I was finished. My recovery time decreased in a dramatic way too. **Instant Endurance** is something you must have in your personal arsenal.

And here's something else that's really important, and I almost forgot to mention it... I suffered from athlete's foot for two decades. Nothing would clear it up. Two weeks after starting **Instant Endurance** it cleared up, and it's never returned."

Then there's the other worldly **Brooks Kubik – 5 Time World Bench Pressing Champion**, author of the original **Dinosaur Training**, and the new **Dinosaur Bodyweight Training**.

"Doc, **Instant Endurance** is simply the best.

At age 49, I'm working out harder than ever before, and the results are the most productive of my life. I'm demanding more from my body than ever before, and it's responding like a Ferrari."

Here's a few words from **Jake Ross**, the retired super spook, and martial arts expert, who is bringing back the old stuff at **Combat Classics.com**.

"Doc, I'm amazed, simply amazed. **Instant Endurance** has restored my performance levels back to the zone I was in when I was twenty-five. We both know that was a long time ago, but I'm training like a kid again. It's also helped me shed a few pounds without any discomfort or loss of energy. It's a lazy dieter's secret weapon."

Maybe you'd be interested in the view of someone who isn't a **SOF** kind of guy, the King of Schwing, the inimitable godfather of the new cutting edge Casanovas, **Ross Jeffries**.

"Nobody would ever call me athletic... I've always been pretty much an uncoordinated nerd. My stamina in physical activity was embarrassing, to the point where I began to avoid physical activity.

Instant Endurance changed all of that. It has enabled me to rapidly recover from any physical activity and as a result I enjoy hiking, yoga, and other physical activities that used to leave me sore and very tired. I strongly recommend this product, it's put a lot of fun back in my life."

An everyday dad, Claude Wilkerson, writes, "Doc, my son is a MMA fighter, and I can tell you that this stuff, **Instant Endurance**, has really improved his training. Thanks so much."

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Marine Advisors Lead From The Front

Call Sign Cowboy Teaches While the Lead Flies Near Ramadi and Fallujah

By Dr. Martin Brass

Colonel Brown:

I was one of the Marines you talked to last November, out at Gunsite when we went through the first foreign weapons courses for Marines. I've attached a picture for you of a gun we captured a few weeks ago. The insurgents were firing it at us while attacking our Combat Outpost. To set an example for the Iraqi soldiers, six of us Advisors and two interpreters went into the attack: Killed one, wounded three, captured six and best of all we took this 14.5mm anti-aircraft gun from them. You'd have liked to have been here. Below is a quick description of advisor duty here in Iraq. Hope you're doing well.

The Gunsite training is paying off.

It enabled us to immediately assist the Iraqis in using their own weapons better.

*Semper Fi
Maj. Bill McCollough*

Background: The people in the picture are serving as members of a Military Transition Team, a Group of Advisors embedded with an Iraqi Battalion on a combat outpost, separated from other American forces by many miles. The size of this team is 14 Marines and one Corpsman. The Advisors eat, sleep, and fight side by side with their Iraqi soldiers. While every member of the team has a specific billet, there are no true specialists. Every Advisor patrols, conducts convoys as driver, gunner, or

commander, treats casualties, stands duty as the Senior Watch Officer, and gives advice and mentorship to their Iraqi counterparts.

The Battalion conducts a minimum of four dismounted combat patrols per day. Every one of these patrols has two Advisors on them. Every Advisor has seen multiple firefights on these patrols. Often, a patrol will be in contact three to four kilometers outside of the Combat Outpost (COP), across broken terrain, with only 15 to 20 Iraqis and two U.S. Advisors. Armed only with their rifle, M203 and radio, these advisors fight the enemy, encourage the Iraqi forces to fight, call for supporting arms, treat wounded Iraqis and themselves, arrange for CASEVAC, all while



trying to provide guidance and direction to the Iraqi Company Commander. Due to a severe shortage of interpreters, more than half of these patrols go out without the benefit of an interpreter, and this adds to the difficulty of the task faced by the Advisors in contact. A Company Advisor's responsibilities in contact are akin to the responsibilities normally borne by a Marine Company Commander.

Additionally, the Battalion conducts a minimum of two convoys per day. Every one of these convoys has four American Advisors along. This dangerous stretch of road is subject to IED and sniper attacks almost daily.

The COP these Advisors live on is a Spartan collection of buildings on the north side of the Euphrates River between Ramadi and Fallujah. This outpost, guarded only by Iraqis, has been subject to eight bona fide assaults by insurgent forces and has received nearly 200 mortar and rocket rounds just during the past three months. Nearly every building on the COP has been struck by mortars, rockets, rocket-propelled grenades, or machinegun fire – most on numerous occasions.

Through hands on-mentorship, sage guidance, and leadership by example,

these Advisors have greatly increased the capabilities of the Iraqi Battalion as a whole and their specific counterparts in particular. Through their efforts, the Battalion is much closer to being able to stand alone with no direct coalition support.

The Battalion was not in a formative or training status when the Advisors arrived: The Battalion was already responsible for all actions in its own Area of Operations (AO). There was no "rear area." The COP it occupied was right in the middle of its AO and subject to daily incoming rounds. The training conducted by the Advisors includes oversight of orders processes and participating in patrols or operations, followed by critiquing and providing remediation on faults noted, after the mission was completed.

As Advisors under these conditions, these Marines and one sailor continue to exhibit bravery and courage on a daily basis.

The Team – call sign "Cowboy" – is made up of one Major, two Captains, three 1st Lieutenants, one Gunnery Sergeant, five Staff Sergeants, one Sergeant, one Corporal and one PO2 (Corpsman). ✕

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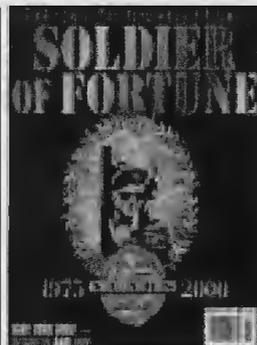
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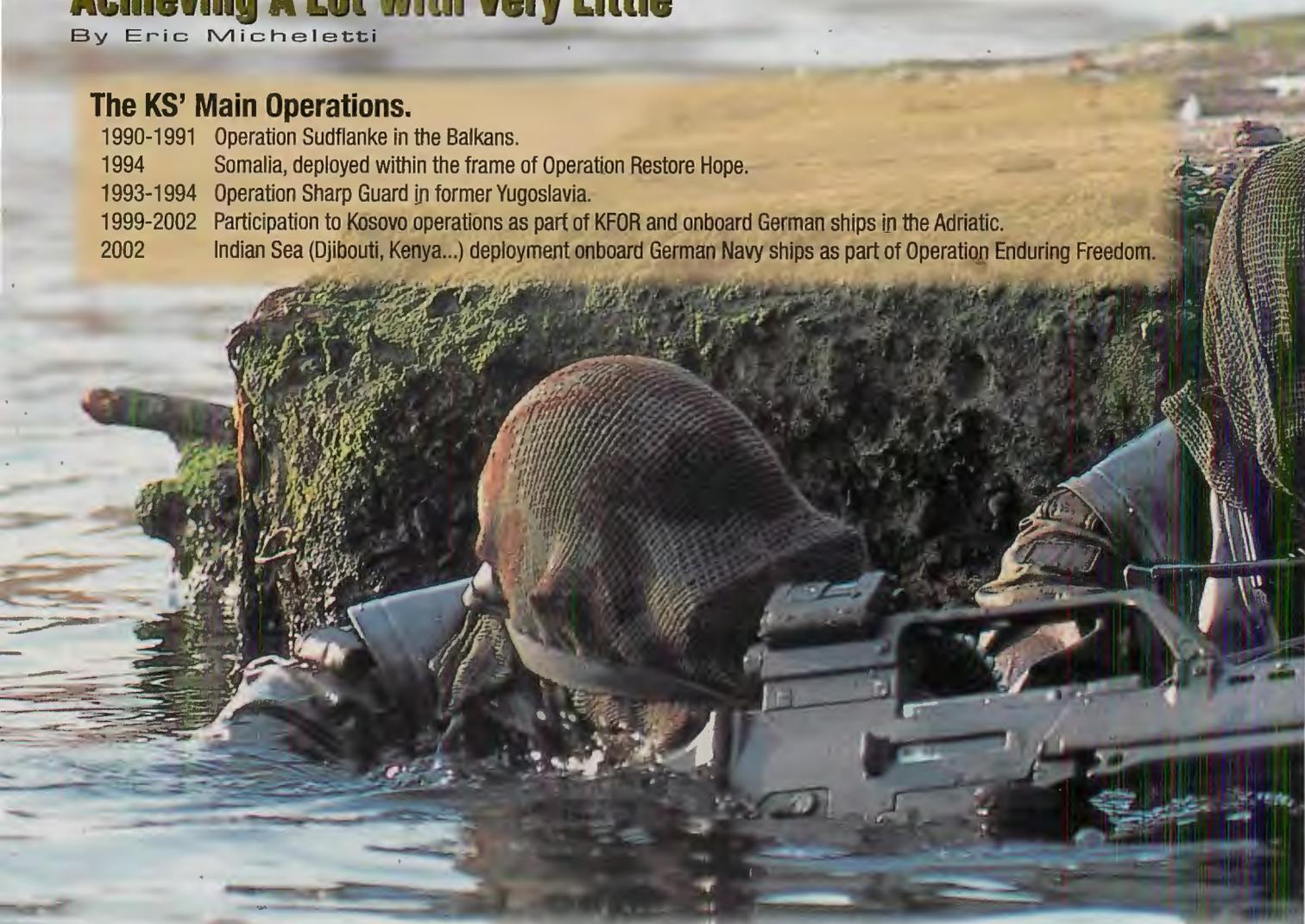
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Achieving A Lot With Very Little

By Eric Micheletti

The KS' Main Operations.

- 1990-1991 Operation Sudflanke in the Balkans.
- 1994 Somalia, deployed within the frame of Operation Restore Hope.
- 1993-1994 Operation Sharp Guard in former Yugoslavia.
- 1999-2002 Participation to Kosovo operations as part of KFOR and onboard German ships in the Adriatic.
- 2002 Indian Sea (Djibouti, Kenya...) deployment onboard German Navy ships as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Virtually unknown to many, but acknowledged as ranking among the best in the world by their NATO counterparts, the German Combat Swimmers or *Kampfschwimmer* (KS) could, just like their WWII forebears, make their motto "To achieve a lot with very little."

The *Kampfschwimmer Kompanie* is specifically trained to undertake special missions for the German Navy. In 1996, the *Kampfschwimmer Kompanie* changed its name

to KSKp so the newly formed German army special forces command could use the KSK acronym (*Kommando Spezial Krote*). During this period, the German Defense Minister and the German Chief of Staff unsuccessfully tried to create a joint special operations command as the Americans, the British and the French had done before. However, the *Luftwaffe* and the *Bundesmarine* refused to give up their special units and aircraft

to a new joint command, for fear of losing those assets to the numerically superior army component.

Currently, the KSKp is attached to the SEKM, which stands for *Spezielle Einsatz Marine*, or Navy special detachment, which is in charge of protecting German vessels as well as boarding and searching potentially hostile shipping. The SEKM has also been tasked with beach reconnaissance missions and with the protection of German

bat Swimmers



Since 2003, the German combat swimmers have seen a broadening of their spectrum of operations by receiving a specific part of special KSKp operations within the frame of hostage or German national rescue operations. At the beginning of the year 2004, several groups of German tourists were kidnapped in the Sahel region of Africa. Surrounded by the greatest level of secrecy, the German government then decided to launch a special operation centered on the KSK HALO parachute teams reinforced, according to some reports, by some KSKp elements. This operation supposedly received the full backing of the countries where the hostages were being held. Meanwhile, the hostages were freed and the hostage takers were stalked and finally destroyed by the Algerian and Malian armies, supported by interested Western secret services.

nationals in crisis areas.

As is not uncommon among elite units, after the selection course less than 5% of the original number are awarded their individual, numbered, "fish" – the combat swimmer badge. Those new KS are then integrated within the *Kompanie* in order to complete their combat swimmer training. This continuation training period includes various specialized courses: long range reconnaissance in

Pfulendorf; Mountain courses with the German army mountain units (*Gebirgsjaeger*); communication, bush medicine, tactical air control, weapons recognition, etc. These courses are delivered in the various relevant *Bundeswehr* schools and at the GSG-9 (*Bundesgrenschutz*, the Border Guards special unit) base where the KS are taught combat shooting, Close Quarter Battle (CQB) drills and psychology as applied to the war on terror.

When Germany was re-united, a mass of former East-block military equipment was made available. Ordnance procurement for German combat swimmers has always been eclectic – which played a role in their being able to "achieve a lot with very little." Weapons and equipment comprises both exotic infantry weapons, as well as weapons and equipment specially designed for use in a marine or underwater environment.



The HK P-11 Underwater Pistol

Developed in the 1970s by Heckler und Koch, the P11 Zub underwater pistol in 7.62 mm x 36 entered operational service in 1976. Never having had an official existence (at least not on the publicly available HK catalogues), the P11 is a special-purpose handgun designed to fire dart-like rounds underwater as well as in the atmosphere. No Western special unit could ignore such a weapon, so many were purchased, especially in Europe, and production figures from the middle of the 1970s ran into the hundreds. P11s are still to be found in the hands of the *Kampfschwimmer*, the Italian *Incursori* and the British SAS and SBS. Roughly a hundred P11s were sold to the USA where they were used by the U.S. Navy SEALs and the CIA's Special Operation Group.

The Dutch SBS, the Norwegian, Danish and Israeli combat swimmers all ordered the P11 as well as did the French Navy for the Commando Hubert and the French secret services (DGSE) for its Quelern-based combat swimmer unit.

The main advan-

tage of this weapon, is that it can be fired underwater and that it is very discreet when used outside of the water. On dry land, it is possible to achieve a good hit ratio up to 30 meters with a P11, with a report no louder than an MP5 SD6 suppressed SMG. Underwater, the operational range is limited to 10 to 15 meters, which is more than sufficient to eliminate a potential threat, considering that visibility is ordinarily very reduced in a harbor and that most underwater attacks are conducted under the cover of darkness.

The P11 consists of two main parts, the barrel/cylinder assembly and the handle/firing mechanism. The cylinder is composed of five watertight launching tubes. Two batter-

ies housed in the handle provide the power needed to fire the projectiles.

The main drawback of this weapon is its operating and maintenance cost, since once it has been discharged it needs to be sent back to HK in Germany to be reloaded. For that reason, many Western combat swimmer units, among which Commando Hubert, have placed those weapons in long term storage and prefer to use "marinized" versions of conventional handguns that are both cheaper and easier to maintain. Further, the maintenance of the P11 needs to be perfect since, in spite of all its O-rings, the batteries have a tendency to become corroded after any exposure to salt water.



The UWL DN-E-1 Underwater Explosive Charge

When undertaking an underwater attack and apart from their individual weapons, the KS use the UWL DN-E-1 underwater explosive charge which, once it has been affixed, cannot be removed since the chain that holds it to its target is impossible to cut.

Even though it is quite old, this charge can take a 10-metre drop on concrete with no damage and in spite of its 28-kilo weight it is reported to be reasonably comfortable to drag underwater.



The G-36

KS are armed with the HK G36 and G36K (a short version of the G36) assault rifles, such as this G-36-armed KS pair during a harbor recce exercise. In most cases, such an operation would be carried out under the cover of darkness using night vision devices as well as additional protection. Although the G36 was not adopted universally by the German armed forces due to budget restraints in the aftermath of the costly reunification



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By Matt Furey

Best-selling author of *Combat Conditioning*

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Let me tell you, when I looked at this so-called “old man's” physique and watched him demonstrate his exercises, I could not look the other way. I had to check them out for myself, even if it meant saying, “Okay, I've wasted a lot of time doing it the wrong way.”

What I discovered shocked me from head to toe!

Before I met Karl I THOUGHT I was strong. I thought I was tough. But the exercises he gave me exploited every weakness that weights and running could not cover. In a matter of minutes, I knew Karl “had me.”

So I gave up the weights and began a routine of bodyweight calisthenics called *Combat Conditioning*. Afterall, when a man of 76 can do things that a 36-year old cannot do, that tells you that “Yes, there's gold in them there hills.”

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Matt Furey

won a national collegiate wrestling title in 1985 and a world shuai-chiao kung fu championship in 1997. Furey has a knack for taking the average and ordinary person and transforming him with his powerful programs. Furey was inducted into the Edinboro University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998 and spends much time each year traveling

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of the nation, elite units such as the KS have been issued the G36 in its various iterations.

Here, KS trains to evacuate a German national from a hostile area. From the tactics to the equipment used by the KSKp, the U.S. Navy SEAL's influence is obvious: This is in a great part due to the excellent working relationship between the two units.

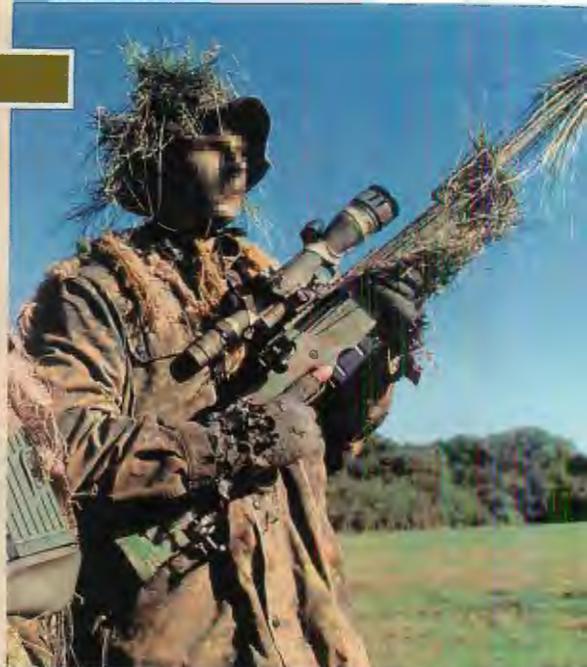


Sniper Rifles

The KSKp has its own sniper cell. It fields 7.62X51mm Accuracy International G-22 sniper rifles, like many other special units in the world. KSKp snipers are mostly used in support of other *Bundesmarine* units and they tend to operate either from helicopters or from other German Navy ships.

Sub Machine Guns

The KSKp also use the various HK sub-machine guns, from the HK MP5 SD to the HK MP5A3.



Heckler and Koch 502

In a Maritime Counter Terrorist (MCT) exercise: The aim of such an exercise is to seize the ship, to search it and to try and capture any "hostile" while doing so. This is a new mission for the KS, which fits squarely in the new frame of the SEKM offensive missions. Notice the use of the rarely seen HK502 semi-automatic shotgun (above), always an effective weapon for close quarters, and more suitable than rifles for some maritime applications where a ship's cargo might be vulnerable to rifle fire.



Heckler and Koch G8 LMG

On a Long Range Patrol Exercise: More and more, the KS' missions are turning towards land operations and MCT, shifting away from the Cold War fundamentals of underwater offensive operations. Currently, the average age of the KSKp members is 29 while candidates for selections are aged 21 to 22. Notice that the point man is armed with an HK G8 LMG – essentially a belt-fed G3 – which provides LRP missions with light-weight firepower.



P-8 9mm Pistols

The KSK was one of the very first German military units to be issued the HK USP, which was given the German military designation of P-8.

Milan ATGW

The KSK can also deploy Milan ATGW against protected or armored objectives.

KS Individual Equipment

The KS use different types of wet suits (5 mm and 10 mm thickness) as well as Belouga dry suits; Poseidon masks; LAR V rebreather (because the LAR VI is ill-suited to their needs); currently, trials of the French FROGS system made by Aqualung are underway; wooden diving boards (in the future, they will receive a different board, developed by Atlas Electronic, which is fitted with a pinger); Teflon and titanium Boeker dive knife; Ocean 2000 dive watch; two pairs of fins, a Giant and a Falcon.

KS do not use non-magnetic equipment, in order to save on costs and because it has been decided that only clearance divers working on mines had a real need for such gear. Also, about 10 years ago, an underwater delivery vessel developed by the German SDN Atlas company was tested in Eckernforde, but the Navy considered its price as too high. For this reason, the KS have to "make do" with a dozen underwater tractors instead.

The Klepper Commando Kayak

The Commando kayak is produced by the German firm Klepper Faltboote AG. It comprises a folding boat that allows the stealthy surface

water movements of one or two men loaded with 450 kilos of equipment in all nature of maritime and riverine environments and in most weather over distances of up to fifty kilometers a day.

Carrying the Commando from its storing place to its place of deployment can be done by one man, either in its dismantled or rigged form. The kayak can fit neatly into three bags – two in a pinch – and it is also possible to airdrop either dismantled or rigged kayaks. Airdropping tests (without a parachute) were conducted from an altitude of 60 meters and at a speed of 290 km/h and they have shown that only 10 % of kayaks free-dropped in such a way had to be written off. Only 10 minutes are necessary to rig a kayak, the assembly of the wooden structure and its insertion into the "skin" of the kayak only requiring one crewmember. There is no need for tools and there are no isolated spare parts.

Within the context of defensive operations, the Commando can be used to protect high-value targets such as dams, locks or harbors, in all sorts of weather, as well as to patrol swamps, wetlands, border rivers and lakes, or to conduct Economic Exclusive Zone (EEZ) patrols in order to interdict infiltration in difficult areas.

In offensive operations, the Com-



mando kayak allows stealthy water insertion with a heavy load over long distances; it can be used to perform reconnaissance operations, hydrographical or defense survey operations or even operations combining a maritime and a land phase during which the kayak is taken out of the water and hidden. All these operations still can be performed in very rough seas, cold waters and strong winds.

The kayak is 5.20 m. long and 87 cm wide. Its empty weight is 37 kg., and it displaces 500 liters. Its load volume (less crew) is one cubic meter; its dismantled volume is .20 cubic meter.

(Above) KS in underwater attack equipment: The main mission of German KS remains the neutralization of enemy shipping inside harbors or at sea. It also includes the reconnaissance of any objectives such as harbors, bases, infrastructures located within five kilometers from the sea and target designation in support of Bundesmarine operations. ✕

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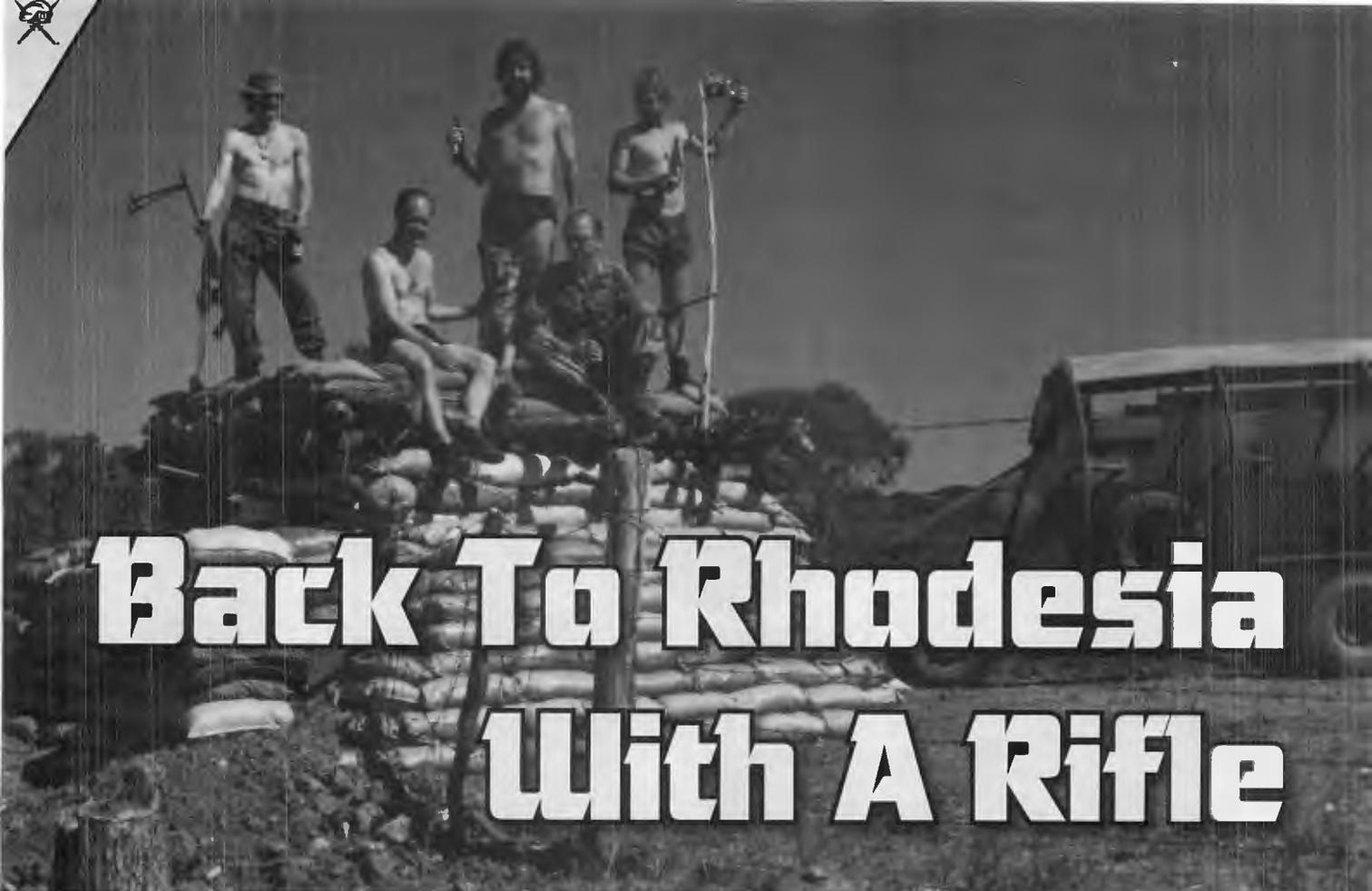
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Back To Rhodesia With A Rifle

Perhaps the Prime Lodges Have Earned A Few Stars Over Time?

By Andrew Tallmadge

A friend wrote me to tell me that his friend (a mutual acquaintance) is going to Zimbabwe (formerly known as Rhodesia in the late '70's) for a hunting trip, suggesting my prior trip to that country was similar but for the accommodations. It triggered some memories, and here is my answer to his comment about the planned hunting trip:

It'll be a lot different than in our experience, as he's doing it 5-star.

Well, our base of operations was one of the hunting lodges. I don't know if I'd call it five-star, but after weeks in the field without adequate water or washing facilities, it seemed like a hotel to us. It came complete with a huge (nearly dinner plate-sized) tarantula type spider in the bathroom, watching us from an eye-level counter opposite as we sat to do our business each day... Our attitude, having been chasing insurgents and terrorists day-by-day was "live and let live," so he stayed on his counter and didn't bother us and we returned the favor by staying on the throne and not bothering him.

The lodge we went to after every 5-10 day patrol was a large building

in S.E. Rhodesia, quite close to the Mozambique border (from whence flowed the insurgents and terrors, about four miles away), with a thatched roof supported by a main beam comprised of a long tree trunk. Apparently, all kinds of critters shared living space in the thatch. At night we'd hear the rustling as they moved about, seeking new living space, food or romance. Sometimes we'd hear big fights in the thatch over food, living space or romance (we never knew which) and occasionally some larger critter would lose his or her grip during such contretemps and hit the floor with a thump, shuffling quickly off to safety away from the huge (by comparison), sleeping humans.

The lodge was surrounded by an 8-foot tall cyclone fence about 20 yards around the building to protect from both the bad guys and their RPG-7 Russian rocket-launched grenades - the cyclone fence pre-detonated the rockets, or at least that was the theory. I never saw it in action, so can't report on its effectiveness or lack thereof. In addition to our FN-FAL .308 semi-auto rifles, we found several Chinese

(above) Volunteers for the Rhodesian Armed Forces, Farm Security Guards, etc. came from all over the world to participate in the fight against communist sponsored terrorists. Here laid-back troopies grab some rays and a beer at a checkpoint. Flag is Australian.

SKS semi-auto rifles (the predecessor of the AK-47, for which the 7.62x39 round had originally been designed) with thousands of rounds of ammo. Since we had a very limited supply of ammunition for the FNs (about 60-100 rounds per rifle), the SKSs were a welcome addition to our meager weaponry. In addition, there was a double-barreled 12 gauge hunting shotgun with a lot of buckshot loads available in the lodge, which we also felt would be handy during attacks.

The grassy area around the lodge within the confines of the fence was occupied by little dik-dik deer, which bark like dogs. They were quite useful, as they'd bark whenever strangers would approach at night. Also ensconced was a one-year-old Cape Buffalo calf, picked up as an orphan eight months earlier.

I was told the farmers in the area often raised such animals until they



SOF sent a five-man team to Rhodesia to cover the March 1980 elections which resulted in the terrorist leader turned thug dictator being elected. These two SOF'ers, wearing Rhodesian cammies, carry AR15s. We wonder how they got to Africa... heh, heh.

were 18-24 months old, at which time they'd grow to over 800 pounds and have to be freed, in large part because they would become unmanageable and dangerous and because they were able to take care of themselves at that age, joining herds of mature buffalo. They grow to well over a ton in size, and have an attitude.

We felt especially vulnerable to attack when using the lodge to rest between combat patrols, as that was the one time the bad guys knew exactly where we were – the 40-man teams we three were hunting could then take

the initiative when they received notice that we'd returned to the lodge, so we were concerned about our exposure, taking precautions for the expected attack (none ever came – it turned out the insurgents/terrs feared attacking trained soldiers like us and wanted to strike, in order of preference, unarmed fellow tribesmen and white farmers).

We had a radio shack across an open space from the lodge, which we expected the terrs knew about. If attacked, we three

mercs were supposed to race across the open space, under fire, and trip the radio switch, resulting in an emergency report going out over the radio net. A posse of neighboring ranchers and militia members was supposed to organize and come to any ranch's rescue (including ours) within minutes of the radio signal going out.

We worked out and practiced an elaborate technique for attack in which, upon the initial firefight breaking out, we'd grab our FNs from bed, empty one full magazine into the muzzle flashes of the enemies surrounding us, and then I'd grab the shotgun, race to the back to the open space and, without aiming, stick the shotgun to one side of the door way and fire in one direction then quickly shift to the opposite direction while

friend Jim ran past me as I fired to clear the other side. He'd be under cover in the radio shack to flip the switch. By the time he'd done his job, I'd have reloaded the shotgun in the dark and started the same routine, with him running back to the lodge while I fired in both directions. Tom would still be providing covering and diversionary fire from the front of the building with his larger FN rifle. Total time from initial attack, firing the FNs empty and running to the shack and back, firing the shotgun four times with fast reloads, was about 45 seconds.

Once we were all back in the lodge, Jim and I would use the SKSs with their inexhaustible supplies of ammunition while other friend Tom would still be using up the FN magazines in his weapon. There were about two full mags per weapon. After those six were emptied, he'd have to reload the mags by hand with loose ammo. The thought was that all we had to do was hang on until rescue forces, triggered by the radio signal, arrived an estimated hour to two later.

Practice and coordination were what gave us our edge over untrained insurgents and terrs – which was why they preferred attacking the unarmed citizens.

I have to admit even now that it was a great plan, thanks to that radio signal. Unfortunately for us, as we were departing after some weeks of patrolling and staying at the lodge, we learned that the radio was inoperative.

Well, we'd have given them a good show at least...

We did have a few contacts with the terrs in the field and we came out ahead. There, we had the initiative and used it to our advantage.

Tell that to Eric! Those terrs run the government now, and have run it like a terrorist government is expected to run things – with tyranny and terror. ☒

Andrew Tallmadge is a veteran of Vietnam, Rhodesia, and Iraq.



From left to right: Former SOF Art Director Craig Nunn, publisher Brown, and Daryl Winkler, a former U.S. Army officer who was commanding a company of Rhodesian African rifles. Note that Brown and Winkler are carrying Ruger mini-14s which are unusual as they are semi-auto but have Ruger stainless steel military/police furniture. These were given to SOF by Bill Ruger, Sr. who was a great fan and supporter of SOF for many years before his death.



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Corps ceremonies, special occasions I've attended in the past, and in just day-to-day involvement with the Marine Corps — was that their wounded, though invalidated out of service, will still be treated and feted and honored as heroes for their lifetime, as long as the Marine Corps "band of brothers" exists.

I cannot say I've ever seen such treatment and a climate of togetherness in my other two services: the Army and the Air Force. I do know that various combat units within the Army do occasionally honor their former comrades or the fallen, but not as a daily policy. A veteran in the Army or Air Force, going to visit the facilities he once served in, is just another visitor; whereas, in the Marines, he's a special guest at any Marine facility any day. This professional attitude extends to other servicemen. Even as a soldier/airman from another service, I have received far more "honor" for my veteran's status at Marine Corps facilities than I receive in the posts of my home services — a kind of professional courtesy relatively non-existent

in the Army or Air Force, but perhaps more like that found in certain European professional forces, notably the British.

The Marine Corps goes out of its way, both individually and as a matter of constant policy, to honor its men and women perpetually, including once they are no longer in uniform. I think that is something to be both admired and emulated by all the branches of U.S. service, but is not done so by the two I named. It certainly raises the morale of both those serving and those who once served in Marine Corps uniforms. It truly is a factor in keeping men and women in service, in promoting service for those being recruited who see how Marines treat their people and their vets, and in encouraging those out of uniform to support its needs in legislation and assistance.

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(top) SPC Brandon "Mongo" Phillips (1-110 INF) lurks in the shadows, providing over-watch for his sniper team with an M249 SAW. (above) "Doc G" hones his skills on the M24 at the range.

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the head and observed the other two MAMs running out the door on the other side of the room. As the robot was moving forward to investigate the IED, SGT McIntyre observed a MAM standing on a rooftop near either a red door or a red carpet hanging from a door at 4191 mils and 254 meters from our location. The MAM was looking at the ground troops through binoculars and talking on either a cell phone or mobile phone. SGT McIntyre shot the MAM in the chest and observed him spin to his right and fall.

An explosion and small arms fire were then observed and heard by all snipers in the hide site. Shrapnel landed within SGT McIntyre's and SPC Parson's OP while CPL McCann reported it hitting his OP as well. SGT McIntyre and SPC Parsons then heard what sounded like an RPG, which was fired during a lull in the SAF. It was unknown where the RPG impacted, or was fired from, however, we did hear the explosion. Again the SAF erupted and was directed towards the south.

A short time later CPL McCann reported a MAM on the rooftop of a structure (3669 mils at 270 meters) with binoculars. CPL McCann then reported shooting the insurgent and observing him fall. CPL McCann also reported there being two other MAMs on the same rooftop. Once CPL McCann shot the insurgent with the binoculars, the other two MAMs fled the rooftop.

SGT McIntyre called up two tank elements and provided direction and distance to all sniper shot from SGT McIntyre's posi-

tion.

The entire time that the incident occurred, there were many MAMs that were observed running from the south to the north and toward the MSR. SGT McIntyre did observe one MAM running with a long gun from east to west across the street just to the east of the Iraqi police station. However, SGT McIntyre was unable to engage the insurgent due to the Iraqi police structure. SPC Parsons and SGT McIntyre also observed a young MAM approximately 12 YOA on top of a structure, who was being handed what appeared to be heavy objects from U/K persons on the ground. An older man then joined the younger one and began to move objects from the ground to the rooftop. When the IED exploded, both individuals fled from the rooftop (3900 mils at 218 meters). Also observed was a black four-door sedan that was traveling E/B on the MSR with the trunk lid open and an individual(s) w/in the trunk. SGT McIntyre advised all ground elements on the tank net of this fact. It was later determined that the sedan trunk contained children. Also observed was a black sedan stopped within the intersection S/E of the Iraqi police station. The MAM driver stepped from the vehicle, walked around the vehicle, removing/collecting the plastic silver rim covers (all four) and placed them in the trunk, then drove off to the east.

SPC Phillips then coordinated an extraction plan, which included to be extracted from the hide during hours of darkness.

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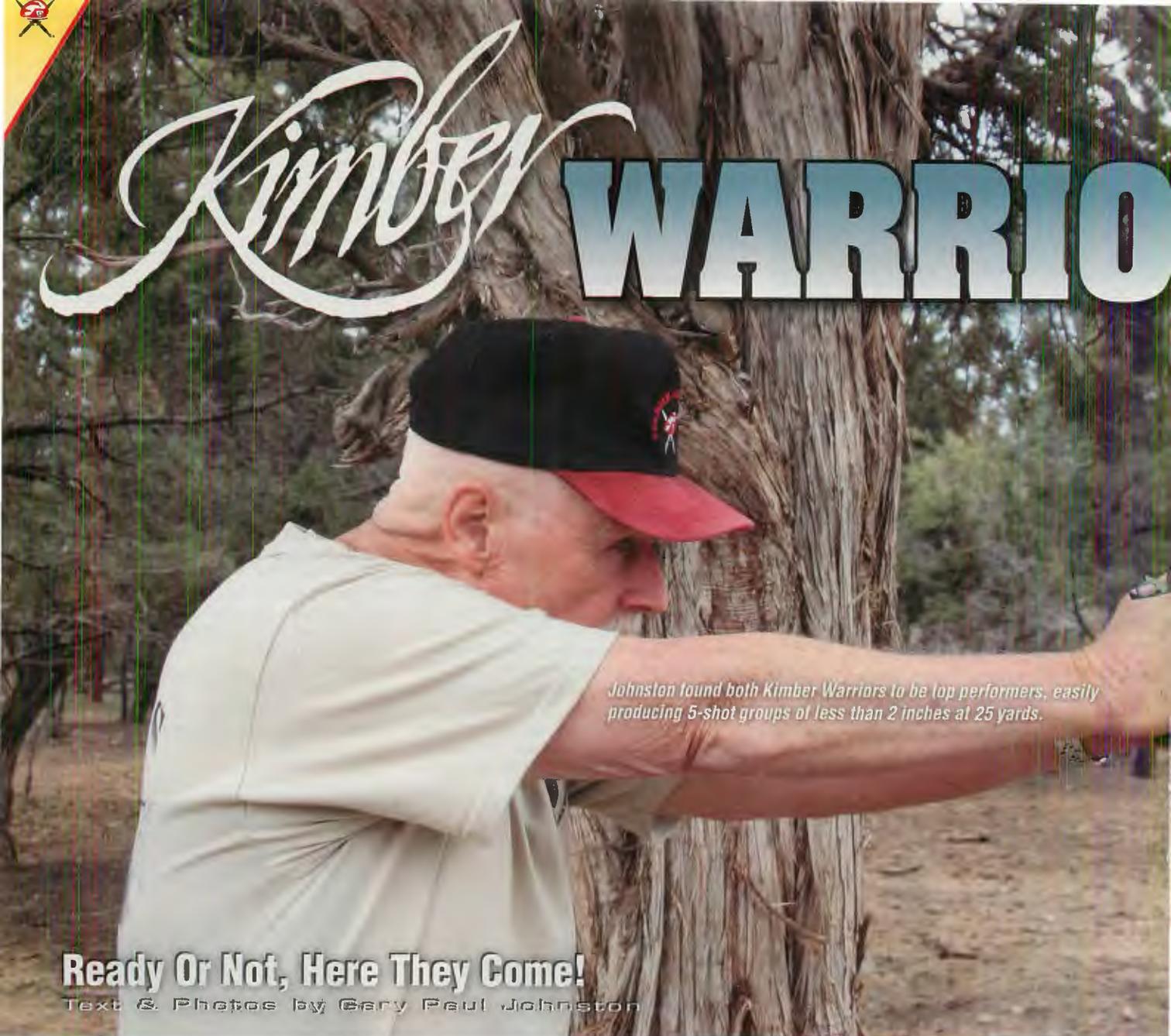
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A century after the U.S. Military realized its mistake in adopting and issuing a revolver in the anemic .38 Colt caliber to replace its Colt .45 Single Action Army, it is in the process of replacing the equally ineffective 9x19mm NATO (ball). The almost unbelievable part of this history lesson is that the caliber that will replace the 9mm is exactly the same one that replaced the .38 Colt and this is the .45 ACP cartridge designed in 1905.

However, where the U.S. Military learned its lesson quickly during the Spanish American War of 1898, it took 20 years the second time around, as the 9mm was universally adopted by the services in 1986. Well, almost. A major element of the United States

Marine Corps never fully adopted the 9mm pistol, retaining an unknown number of its original .45 ACP Model of 1911A1 pistols for special missions. This was the Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), later having added Special Operations Capable (SOC) to its designation.

Since 1986, MEU (SOC)'s 1911 pistol program has been an evolutionary one with the older guns not only being rebuilt as needed at Quantico, but also retrofitted with various improved features following the commercial custom 1911 business. When hundreds of like-new 1911A1 pistols were found in the magazines of decommissioned WW II ships, these guns reportedly made their way to Quantico (and elsewhere) to replenish their aging sup-

ply. Thus, the evolution of the 1911 in the USMC continues in its search for a new Close Quarter Battle (CQB) pistol. However, Quantico was only capable of rebuilding 1911A1 pistols on a relatively limited basis.

With the Nine-Eleven attack on America and the beginning of the Global War On Terrorism (GWOT), Quantico became a very busy place. Thus, when the USMC's MEU (SOC) joined the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM); it was allowed to do a one-time sole-source buy of new 1911A1-style .45 ACP pistols. This was the 87-operator, Detachment 1 (Det-1) at Camp Pendleton.

The pistol chosen by Det-1 was a Kimber Custom model similar to that

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Kimber's Warrior pistol comes in matte black and its Desert Warrior is rendered in tan KimPro finish. Both pistols are seen here with SureFire X200 Weapon Lights and a CRKT M16 knife.

style desert camouflage holster was also issued with each Kimber, and held the gun with the special SureFire light mounted. Also issued with each pistol were a unique Strider Det-1 knife and a quick-release lanyard from Gemtech. Since Quantico was (and still is) testing and fielding various 1911-type pistols through MEU (SOC), the USMC Kimber's official designation was the Interim Close Quarter Battle (ICQB)

Pistol, and the kit went with Det-1 on its six-month active duty tour in Iraq.

The Warrior

In the wake of the success of Kimber's USMC ICQB pistol, the company introduced a commercial variation with a number of features originally specified by the USMC for its pistol. These included Genuine Novak Lo-Mount Sights, a match grade barrel and bushing, a standard recoil spring

adopted by the LAPD SWAT unit, but with additional special features specified by the Marine Corps. These included a traditional extractor, no firing pin safety, a standard recoil spring guide, ambidextrous thumb safety, lanyard loop and genuine Novak Lo-Mount Night Sights. The Kimber pistols were shipped directly to Dawson Precision in Texas where they were each fitted with the Dawson Rail in order to mount a proprietary SureFire Weapon Light designed especially for the Military.

When Dawson delivered the pistols equipped with its rail and special SureFire lights to Det-1, each was then fitted with a set of coyote brown Simonich Gunner Grips from Strider Knives. A unique Safariland 6400-



Kimber's original Warrior came with Novak Lo-Mount Sights just like the USMC's original Kimber Det-1 pistol. Note the Kimber ambidextrous thumb safety.

guide rod, a traditional extractor, a lanyard loop, checkered mainspring housing and other custom-grade features standard on all Kimber 1911's. While the front strap is not checkered on the commercial version, the pistol comes with Kimber's firing pin safety system.

Called the Warrior, the new pistol also comes with a few features not found on the USMC pistol. The finish is KimPro, the hardest thermally cured finish available, in this case, matte black. The grips of the Warrior, while somewhat similar to the USMC's original "Gunner" grips are of Kimber's own design, and are also in Kimber's version of coyote brown color. Equally noticeable is the absence of the Dawson rail, which has been replaced by Kimber's integral M1913-style frame rail. By the way, this is a genuine MilStd rail, not just a look-alike. As with Kimber's other 1911 pistols, the Warrior is built to match grade specifications and produces tight groups and total reliabil-

ity, as tested.

Because the Kimber Warrior comes with Kimber's integral frame rail, it will accept virtually all M1913-style tactical weapon lights such as those



Kimber's Desert Warrior comes with Kimber's new rear sight with side grooves.

from Insight Technology and SureFire, including SureFire's recent addition, the X200. However, the Warrior will not accept the special SureFire light designed for the Dawson Rail, and the special light-mount holster made for Det-1 by Safariland will not satisfactorily accept the Warrior with any of the newer, smaller lights mounted.

The Desert Warrior

On the heels of the success of the Warrior, Kimber introduced a sister pistol called the Desert Warrior, in 2006. Inspired by America's involvement in the Global War On Terrorism and more specifically the USMC's success with the Det-1 pistol during its deployment in the Middle East, the Desert Warrior is identical to the initial Kimber Warrior with the following exceptions:

On the Desert Warrior are sights resembling Novak Sights, but which are of Kimber's own design. As with a similar rear sight used by another company, the Kimber Rear Sight incorporates vertical grooves on both sides. Apparently included as styling, these grooves serve no practical purpose.

The other difference in the Desert Warrior is its KimPro finish. Instead of being a matte black as on the Warrior, the KimPro finish on the Desert Warrior is the same tough synthetic

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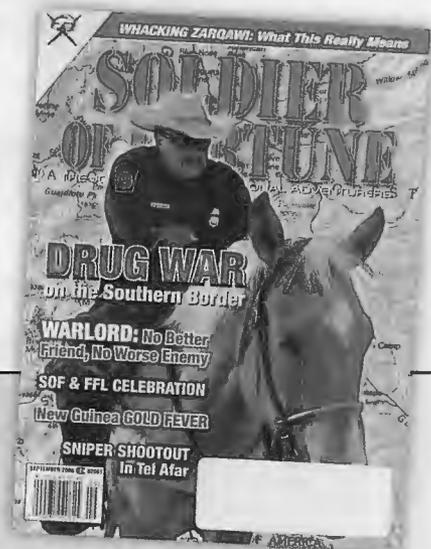
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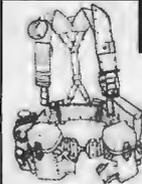
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I asked him why France had avoided Iraq.

"For Chirac it was a political decision," he reflected. "He has had many historical connections in Iraq. France supported Iraq vs. Iran, which is a bigger threat.

"If we believe American authors like Woodward, The Bush Government had planned the war for a long time, and they pushed the Pentagon. Perhaps Bush wanted to finish the work of his father. Some say it had to do with petrol.

I believe that he wanted to change from a political and military hold in the Middle East based in Saudi Arabia to a base in Iraq. There was much terrorism in Saudi, and Bush was afraid of what would happen after the King dies, maybe they would expel the United States. I don't believe the decision was about protecting Israel. It can protect itself.

"A large power must have power in the Centre of the world and that presence can change. Like during the Cold War, the U.S. was in Ethiopia and Russia was in Somalia. That suddenly changed. Politics is a game, when a power is not sure about a country it takes action to reposition.

"Take Afghanistan. I was there for 15 days with the Masoud and Pakistani troops in the "charming" Jalalabad. The United States had a gentleman's agreement with the Taliban before 9-11, then they were bombing them and they sided with Masoud, who had controlled 20% of the country.

"The same with Iraq. The Sunni were the minority rulers and not the fundamentalists, but the U.S. believed it could have a gentleman's agreement with a fundamentalist government.

"The U.S. pushed out Saddam and hoped to install a pro-U.S. government. They did not expect to face a determined deadly insurgency. I think the main actor is Paul Bremer, the American pro consul in Baghdad, who made the unwise decision to disband all of the Iraqi army and police. He told them to go to their houses and did not offer pay. That is one of the main problems. When a country collapses, it is the most critical time for the military to move. The people in charge of the planning, logistics, and strategy did not do such a good job. They made se-



rious mistakes.

"Politically, Bush wanted to build a castle in Iraq to have an influence in the Middle East to control Central Asia including Tajikstan and Azerbaijan.

"It was not about the Islamic population in France. Muslims here do not relate to the Iraqi Moslems, and the Iraqi Islamic did not recognize the French Islamic. They were from Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, and Blacks from Senegal and Mali. Maybe a hundred French passport people went to Iraq to fight with the insurgents. 10-20 were killed, the rest came back.

Iraq is the U.S. Algeria

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"Even 120,000 U.S. soldiers cannot hold down a country so large. Afghanistan is different, it's a small country. The U.S. only had to take a few cities to gain some control.

"Iraq could go on forever. There are IEDs everywhere and everyone has ammunition and plastic explosives. It is the most dangerous place I have been to. The road to Baghdad is almost a journey to death.

"The cost of soldiers in Iraq is not large, relatively speaking. We are in the Ivory Coast. We had nine killed in one attack. The Russian army in Chechnya has lost 20,000 soldiers already and during the Cold War 10,000 per year were lost in exercises.

"The U.S. will have to weigh the advantages vs. the disadvantages. The petrol and a Castle in the Middle East verses lost lives.

"We don't know how to get out of the Ivory Coast. We'll see if the United States knows how to get out of Iraq." His tone was fatalistic. ✂

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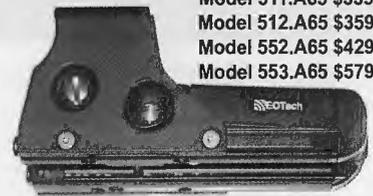
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By Dr. Martin Brass

AMERICA AT WAR

1. NORTH KOREA PACIFIC STYLE

COLD WAR: ARMS RACE SHOWDOWN triggered by failed launching of intercontinental missile Taepodong 2, capable of reaching the U.S. Japan threatens sanctions and nuclear arms buildup. North Korea accused of stashing 50kg of plutonium. **SUITCASE NUCLEAR WEAPON** components may be sold to other "axis of evil" countries, Iran or Libya. **KOREAN-WAR POWs** suspected to be in country, 550 alive, 885 confirmed dead.

2. CHINA CACHE OF JAPANESE

POISON GAS bombs buried behind a metal plant on Russian border excavated and moved to Jilin province: 700,000 bombs and shells filled with mustard gas and other poisons were abandoned after WWII. **EXECUTION VANS** -- "civilized alternative" to death squads -- tour country in search of death-row prisoners.

3. MALACCA STRAITS

PIRACY RAGES in one of the most active straits on planet, with 600 ships and 11 million barrels of oil passing daily.

4. INDONESIA ISLAMIC TER-

RORISTS USE "BLACK MAGIC," 2005 Bali bomber defendant tells court. (Al Qaeda-linked Jemaah Islamiyah top dog Noordin Top, who allegedly hypnotized the bombers with his "charismatic" charm.) JI group blamed for 260 deaths, 202 in 2002 Bali nightclub bombings.

5. UNITED STATES FEDERAL

COUNTER-TERRORISM STING EXPOSED by NYT. Enraged critics blame newspaper for jeopardizing terror monitoring and, potentially, lives. **SANCTIONS IMPOSED AGAINST CHINESE** tech companies charged with selling missile technology to Iran and North Korea. **TWO GEORGIA TERROR** suspects arrested, charged with plotting attacks against D.C. and World Bank headquarters. **DRUG CARTELS** buying businesses in U.S. cities and buying their way into mayoral and city-council seats, Rep. Tom Tancredo's book *In Mortal Danger* reveals.

6. MEXICO DECAPITATED

POLICE HEADS roll outside Guerrero state finance department and in Tijuana, as **SINALOA DRUG CARTEL** revenges police killings of four members in shootout. Police officers may have been tied to Los Zetas, enforcers of the Gulf Cartel, rival to the Sinaloa Cartel.

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7. NETHERLANDS **JOINT MILITARY MANEUVERS** with Canada and United States, force imperialistic Venezuela to back down in Dutch Caribbean. **CORRECTION:** Previous mention of 3000 Dutch soldiers that served in the Balkans denied medals should have been 3000 International Volunteers that fought on Croatian side, are still refused medals by the Croatian government.

8. FRANCE **MERC OF ALL MERCS** French Bob Denard found guilty of 1995 coup in the Comoros. The flamboyant adventurer was given a five-year suspended jail sentence for overthrowing Comorian president Mohammed Djohar and installing Mohammed Taki and Said-Ali Kemal. **SECRET SERVICE** implicated in planning and execution. **"A GANG OF CRIMINALS THAT HELD UP A COUNTRY"** was the label given to Denard and Company. France mourns its most intriguing Merc who stomped through Africa for half a century, as Denard is rumored to have Alzheimer's.

9. LEBANON **ISRAELI INVASION** creates humanitarian disaster. **HEZBOLLAH ATTACKS** on Israel turn the country recovering from 15 years of brutal civil war into a bloody battleground. **BEKKA VALLEY** drug trade enriches terror cells. Hezbollah reverts to 1980 tactics—bombings and assassinations—but with much stronger force and support of international network of cells in South America and Africa.

10. JORDAN **WARNS ISRAEL** of Hamas attack.

11. IRAQ **AL ZARQAWI's** death hideout reveals Al Qaeda documents and contact numbers. **SADDAM DEFENSE TEAM TAKEN OUT:** Three defense attorneys have been assassinated. Saddam and co-defendants went on hunger strike in protest. **AL QAEDA NEW CHIEF** Abu Ayyub al-Masri, alias Sheikh Abu Hamza al-Muhajer, appointed. **CHRISTIAN ASSYRIANS MASSESACRED** by U.S. allies, Iraqi Kurds.

12. SAUDI ARABIA **CONDEMS HEZBOLLAH**

13. INDIA **KASHMIR BLOODY TERRITORIAL WAR SHIFTS TO CAPITAL** Mumbai (Bombay): 150 killed, 100's wounded in eight explosions in seven first-class cabins of commuter trains. India charges rival Pakistan with training and arming murderous Kashmiri militants, who targeted a train station and a temple in Hindu holy city Varanasi, killing 20, and three markets in New Delhi, killing 62, last year.

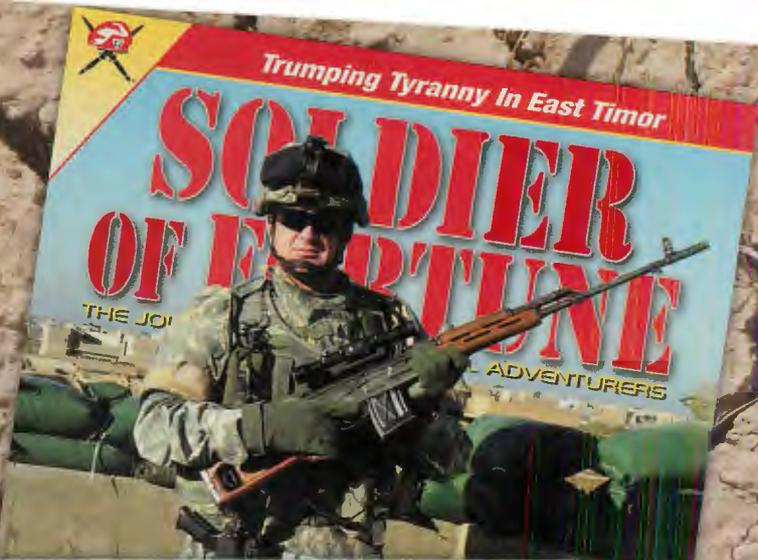
14. COLOMBIA **FARC PROPOSES KIDNAP** victims swap -- 58 victims, including three U.S. intel agents -- for 500 jailed guerrillas. Army kills 22 rebels. **EIGHT MEMBERS OF LOS MACHOS**, private army protecting Diego Montoya, leader of violent Norte del Valle drug cartel, FBI Most Wanted, killed in three-hour battle with police. Los Machos murdered two police this year.

15. ECUADOR **DRUG WAR COLLATERAL DAMAGE** Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of Armed Forces, Gen. Nelson Enriquez' brother killed as he tried crossing Colombian border. Colombian military claims he refused to stop at checkpoint.



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Reporting From The Front



Jerry,

Hello my brother...it's been a long time since I've talked to you. I've been extremely busy lately, and I'm outside the wire at least five days a week. It's good to get out with the "true" warriors.

Here's an update: The heat is up, and the patrol frequency is maintaining it's steady pace. Our tenth month here in Iraq is getting close to being finished, and we continue to keep an accelerated patrol tempo throughout our battle space. The Soldiers of Task Force 1-87 Infantry continue to make a difference in western Baghdad by denying the enemy the ability to have freedom of movement in our sector. Continually throughout the month, patrols detain insurgents for criminal acts against Iraqi civilians and coalition forces alike. Through hard work and perseverance, the amount of attacks in our area of operations has been descending. Again, this is directly contributed to the determination of these fine Soldiers to eliminate the threat, while treating the Iraqi people with dignity and respect. Overall, the Iraqi populace in our sector is happy that American Forces are working in and around their neighborhoods, bringing security and stability so they can continue with "normal" daily activities. The Iraqi Security Forces continue to make rapid progress, and they appreciate the sacrifice and hard work that is provided by to the American Soldiers who give them added security throughout this difficult time. It is going to take some time to get this country stable, but it will happen; this is evident by the number of people (Iraqi and Coalition Forces) working at building this foundation for Iraq to grow on. This country has some much potential based off of its educated people and natural resources. I believe with added security, and their determined government, this country will be the footprint for Democracy in the future for all Middle East countries.

A key ingredient that American Soldiers must have to maintain their success during this operation is the continued unwavering support from the people of America. The support that is provided thus far by the American people is overwhelming. There is no doubt in my mind that it directly contributes to the Soldier's daily success. I look back over my three deployments to Iraq, and I would have to say that I have never seen this level of support from the American people before...it's hard to put into words how much it impacts 'your' Soldiers. I continually go on combat patrols with the Soldiers of this great battalion, and seeing what I see continually basis would make you proud. They conduct their mission with professionalism and pride. They are treating the Iraqi people with dignity and respect, and through their actions are directly making a difference. I see it in the faces of the Iraqi people...it's the "majority," not the minority that are appreciative of what we are doing for them and their country.

I'd ask you to look past the negative that you hear from the liberal media for one minute, and take this message to heart. "Although you may not agree with why we are here, your men and woman of the American Armed Forces are serving with pride, and they appreciate the American support, period!"

Stay safe, and stay in touch,

Todd

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(left) A relatively new entrant to the sniper scope arena with their excellent Elite 4200 shown here, Bushnell is also introducing their Elite 3200 10x40 with a 1" tube - an excellent choice for the M16A4 with the new match barrels. (right) Trijicon's new ACOG is seen on M4, and works well in conjunction with the Crimson Trace laser target designator.

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always, if it doesn't work or do what the manufacturer said it would, then you won't hear about their product from me. The Mark 4 is what the U.S. Army puts on their sniper rifles. The sniper shot that SSG Jared Kennedy made at 852 meters was with the Leupold Mark 4 mil-dot fixed-power. The rifle had not been zeroed in more than a month and had been banged up a lot, riding in the back of Bradleys and gun trucks, and yet delivered a first-round hit/kill for Jared Kennedy. By the way, it was the first time he had fired that weapon. Leupold now has a new Mark 4 mil dot with illuminat-

ing reticle. The 8.5-25x50mm scope gives the sniper a better opportunity to hunt his prey in the city and towns of Iraq. This new scope will also let the smaller-caliber shooters like the M16A4 5.56mm with the match grade barrels hit their targets as well.

Pat Mundy, Leupold's marketing guy, is working on getting Leupold's new scopes out to the soldiers in the field to get them tested to ensure they will work when the soldier needs them in combat. Leupold is the industry leader in mil-dot scopes and is continuing to improve their award winning Mark 4.

Trijicon still makes the best small combat scope: The 4x32 lets the sol-

dier ID close and far-away targets with ease. Look for the new Trijicon scopes coming out this fall.

Bushnell has always been known for their great hunting scopes, but now with their mil-dot scopes they are taking their company to the next level. The scope I made my 852 meter shot with was Bushnell's Elite 4200. They are not stopping at scopes either. Bushnell makes great spotting scopes and laser range finders. Chris Lalik, Bushnell product Manager, is committed to making the best scope for the money. I see great things coming from them in the near future. Bushnell has even sent my old unit, C troop 3/7 Cav their newest spotting scope, the 20-



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If you are going to have an M4 or M16, then you will want to get a Crimson Trace Laser Grip for your rifle (the LG-525 for your M16 tape and the VF-302M for the M4) and if you have an M9 then its the same deal for you. I cannot even begin to tell you how much better you feel, know-

ing that you're on target when you see that red dot. Not only that, the bad guy will know you mean to kill him when he sees that red dot on him and it will stop him in his tracks.

You have heard me talk about how great Blackhawk products are. Well there is a very good reason, and for the record I don't work for them and they don't pay me for what I write for them. Blackhawk Products Group was founded by Mike Noell, a former Navy SEAL, to make better gear for the guys on the SEAL teams. With the war on terrorism going on, Mike started putting his gear out for the everyday soldier and Marine to make their life better, and in doing so has helped save more lives then he would have if he would have stayed a SEAL. I know the quality first hand: Blackhawk gear has been to combat with me and helped save my life and the lives of my soldiers. Why did the sniper rifles hit their targets? One thing was, the scopes are made with quality and the other thing was the Blackhawk Stalker Drag Bag kept the rifles and their scopes protected. Blackhawk has come out with a new boot line called the Warrior Wear. I

have two pair and it is the only boot I will ever wear again. If you put them on it will be your only pair as well. If Nike made a running combat boot it would be this. Blackhawk has a new line of rucks out also in the new ACU pattern.

One of the issues the U.S.Army has had in the past is trying to get GIs to wear eye protection. WileyX has at last fixed that problem with their new glasses, the polarized Blink Z87-2 with CDF (Chicks Dig it Factor). They are a great pair of glasses that look and feel great on your face. The cooler that something makes you look, the more likely it is the soldier will want to wear it. The new guy on the block in eye protection is Revision, with their Bullet Ant Tactical Goggles. They are a nice pair of goggles with a low profile and comfortable fit that lets you use your NVG. Please don't forget to wear something red on Fridays to show your support for our soldiers and Marines overseas, fighting for freedom. ✕

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by Officer James J. Fotis (Ret.), Executive Director, LEAA

Why Gun Control Hurts Cops

...And Why LEAA Member Cops Are Working to Fight Gun Control

Last November, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors put a measure on the ballot to ban handgun ownership by San Francisco residents. The Law Enforcement Alliance (LEAA) spoke out against the lunacy of the San Francisco ban. Incredibly, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors was asking the voters to approve a law that would disarm not just law abiding San Franciscans, but also off duty or retired cops who live in San Francisco. Even worse, the San Fran Gun Ban would not apply to anyone who didn't live in San Francisco. According to the logic of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, law abiding citizens and off duty cops should be disarmed, but gang bangers from Oakland are AOK!

LEAA worked to inform the law enforcement community in San Francisco and statewide of the dangers inherent in the proposed ballot measure. And when the people of San Francisco foolishly approved this measure, LEAA was in court, along with SAF, the NRA, the San Francisco Veteran Police Officers Association and others.

We challenged the gun law on the premise that only the state legislature can pass laws about firearms possession – a premise established not just in state law, but in court precedent that should have been very familiar to San Francisco. In 1982, a San Francisco gun ban was tossed out for the very same reason we were challenging this new San Fran gun ban.

The Court considered whether the San Fran gun ban was a state interest or purely municipal, and in the end, found that the subject was best left to the state, tossing out the San Fran gun ban. LEAA has long argued that the measure would harm both law abiding citizens and law enforcement. The very first reason articulated by the court in declaring the issue to be of state interest was the idea that the San Fran gun ban would prevent off duty or retired police officers living in San Francisco from possessing firearms – in clear violation of the compelling state interest to have these officers armed as a mat-

ter of personal and public safety.

LEAA has long believed that gun control is a threat to public safety. Gun bans hurt law abiding citizens AND cops far more than criminals. We've worked to advance the Second Amendment by giving a voice to those law enforcement officers who support gun rights, and bringing gun rights advocates out in support of expanding concealed carry by arming off duty and retired police officers.

LEAA has always known that our efforts to promote national concealed carry for off duty and retired cops would reap benefits for all gun owners – expanding the argument that arming more good guys is a good thing, as John Lott says, "more guns, less crime." LEAA is pleased to see that the need for armed off duty and retired law enforcement officers played a vital role in defeating a handgun ban for all law abiding citizens in San Francisco. ✖

LEAA is a national, non-profit association of over 75,000 members and supporters. Unlike other police-based groups LEAA's membership is open equally to law enforcement, crime victims AND pro-law enforcement citizens who support the Second Amendment. For more information, or to join in the fight, please go to www.leaa.org

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with the drug traffickers when Presidente Fox attempted to clean the mess up.

Mexican Mafiosos

The Gulf Cartel and the “Federation” are the two Mexican gangs battling for the drug corridor.

Osiel Cardenas Guillen, head of the Cartel, still coordinates the activities of the Gulf Cartel from the safety of his jail cell in the United States. The Gulf Cartel is supported by Los Zetas, an elite military anti-drug unit trained by U.S. officials to fight the drug war.

Los Negros, the Mexican Mafia and other gangs support the “Federation”, alias the Sinaloa Cartel, according to U.S. officials.

Ringleaders Guzman Loera “Chapo” and Arturo Beltran Leyva head the “Federation”, according to U.S. officials. “Chapo” escaped from prison Jan. 19, 2001, and is said to be operating in Mexico.

“Plaza”, the corridor that extends from Southern Mexico up to the Nuevo Laredo area.

Control of this corridor means control of all smuggling, both of humans and drugs, in the area. The Mexican mob in control charges taxes for anyone illegally smuggling drugs, humans, or goods.

Every gangster, mule, or unfortunate person who gets in the Drug Mafia’s face in the home base of Nuevo Laredo, is executed, an average of one a day.

The huge amounts of money are so seductive, that official corruption became rampant. Hundreds of police were fired last year for being in bed

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coating but in coyote brown...Well, almost. Some external parts have been left in matte black. These include the sights, thumb safeties, slide stop, magazine release and base, trigger and stainless steel barrel. Even so, the coyote brown finish in effect renders the pistol more difficult to detect in an environment where this color blends well.

Like the Kimber Warrior, the Desert Warrior will accept all of the newer, smaller tactical weapon lights on its M1913 framerail, but as this is written all of these lights come only in black. Until someone offers such a light in a color close to coyote brown, the only way to match a light to the pistol will be by painting the light housing a color as close as possible to coyote brown. Holsters to accommodate the Warrior with or without a light mounted should be available from several companies in the near future, including Bianchi and Blackhawk.

barrel/slide/frame, and of course, high quality ammunition. Both pistols fed all bullet styles with ease including large cavity hollowpoint bullets. Thumb safeties proved easy to use and quite positive, and magazine releases had that "about perfect" pressure point for positive retention yet easy manipulation.

SureFire's X200 Weapon Light went on the Warrior's rail with ease and locked up tight. Simple pressure on the toggle switch gave momentary light and pushing it all the way to the lock-on position provided continuous light, which can easily identify a target past 25 yards in the dark.

Will the U.S. Military adopt the Kimber Warrior? With all the 1911 pistols remaining in the system, I doubt it. In addition, is the movement to adopt a double-action pistol with a plastic frame. Yes, all shoulder arms have single action triggers with metal frames, but pistols fill a different role. In addition, aside from military politics, price is a big factor, but who knows. The Kimber Warrior will certainly transcend to the commercial market as an investment-quality pistol. Who knows? It may just be seen

Downrange

Putting rounds through both Kimber Warriors brought identical results, but for the contrasting colors of the pistols as viewed in daylight. Both triggers seemed identical and accuracy is guaranteed with an extremely well fitted



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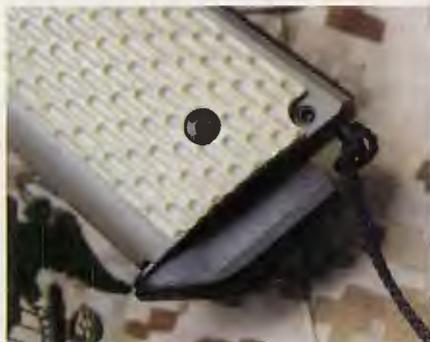
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in the holsters of some special operations unit, just as was Det-1's ICQB pistol.

Like most other 1911 style pistols, the Kimber Warriors will accept laser sights from LaserMax, with its internal laser, and Crimson Trace's Laser-Grips, as well as the USMC's original "Gunner Grips" from Simonich or Strider Knives.

With regard to the commercial side of the equation, both Warriors have proven extremely popular. While this has been mostly due to Kimber collectors, I know of some that have actually bought a Warrior to carry. I suspect that, for most, owning just one Warrior simply won't do. For information on Kimber's Warriors and its entire family of 1911 style pistols, contact Kimber Mfg., 1 Lawton St., Dept. SOF, Yonkers, N.Y. 10705; phone: 800-880-2418, www.kimberamerica.com ☒



Here the Warrior's flat mainspring housing with its lanyard loop can be seen with its Gemtech lanyard attached. Note the hex screws securing the tan G10 grips.



As specified by the USMC in its original Kimber, the Warrior comes without a full-length guide rod for ease of maintenance in harsh environments.



The barrel of the Kimber Warrior is left in a brushed stainless steel finish. The side of the slide is marked "WARRIOR."

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The Thugs Have Bazookas

"We know there are sleeper cells on this side," Sheriff Rick Flores told ABC. "We're very fortunate we're not seeing murders every week or every day like they are in Nuevo Laredo."

But it's coming.

U.S. Border Patrol agents are being shot at from across the border.

In Hudspeth County, near Laredo an armed group of Mexican soldiers made an incursion into U.S. territory to assist drug smugglers. Since 1996, there have been 200 recorded incidences of Federal military from Mexico on the American side of the border, Rep. Poe said.

The thriving drug trade between the twin cities lines the drug bosses pockets with so much cash, that they are buying homes and setting up stash houses in Laredo, Texas. There they have a ready employee pool made up of ex-cons and other Texans willing to traffic drugs and become hit men for the big Mexican bosses.

The living on this side is more comfortable, with no effort needed to adjust or learn a new culture since the town is 95% Hispanic, mostly Spanish speaking.

"They've got bazookas. They've got .50-caliber weapons. That's the kind of weaponry we're coming across," Sheriff Flores said.

"We had a slaying where an individual was hosed down by machine gun fire, him and his nephew. This is the type of violence we're seeing today," he said.

"It's a war zone. We've got level three body armor. They've got level four. We've got cell phones. They've got satellite cell phones that we can't tap into.

"We're being outgunned," Flores added.

"A Movement to Conquer U.S. Territories"

Rep Poe, who rode with Sheriff Flores, believes that there is a movement to conquer U.S. territories. The drug cartels, he says, have the means to do it.

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Operation Blackjack

The U.S. Feds launched Operation Blackjack in July, 2005 in conjunction with federal state and local law enforcement officials in Laredo to try to take back the Texas town that the Drug Lords are trying to take over.

Sting operations in the beginning of the year uncovered automatic AK47-type assault rifles, parts to convert semi-autos to full auto, a silencer in the hideout of one of the drug thugs that officials arrested. Intel from the bust led to a commercial storage locker that held five grenades, pipe bombs, and dozens of other explosives.

The next week ATF agents and Laredo police seized 81 grenade casings, an Uzi submachine gun and other tools that the Drug Lords use in their thriving drug trade business.

In the first four months, Operation Blackjack resulted in the arrest of 26 individuals and the seizure of more than \$1 million, 19 assault rifles, 300 pounds of marijuana, and 330 pounds of cocaine.

Let's see. That must be about the amount of drugs confiscated over the Laredo border in just one day, considering that Border Patrol seized 1,981 pounds of cocaine worth \$79 million in the front part of a tanker in just one bust in 2002. They made a bust of 279 pounds of cocaine worth \$4 million this March. Another weekend, Border Patrol agents in Laredo Sector seized more than 2,700 pounds of marijuana worth over \$2.2 million.

And 26 individuals apprehended may be the number of illegal immigrants that crosses over into the U.S. border in a few minutes time.

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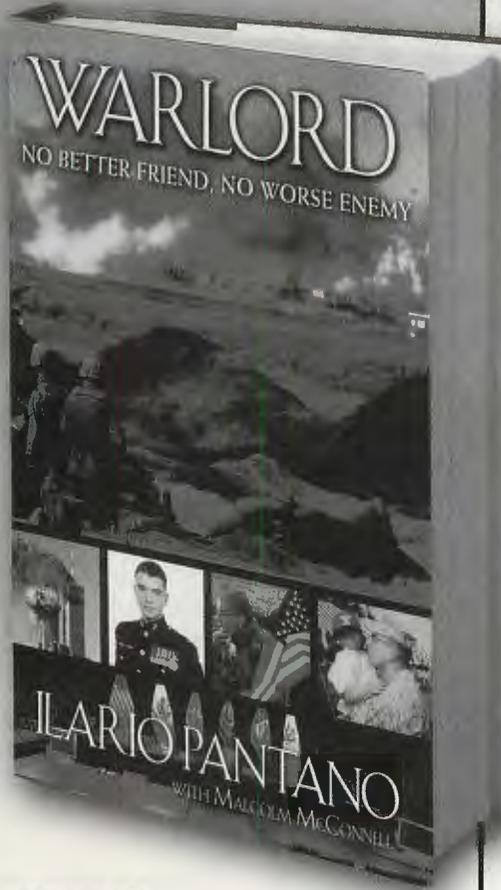


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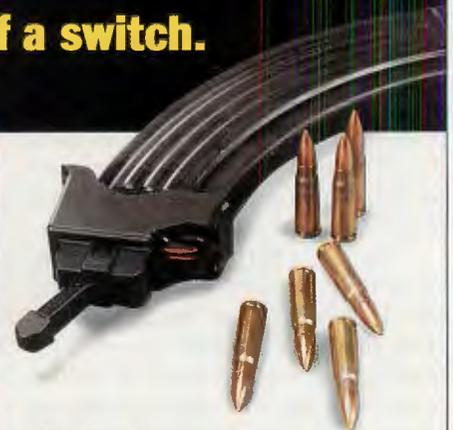
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In Canada we see few positive publications about the efforts of our troops in Afghanistan let alone show support and thanks for what they are doing. But last week in *Maclean's Magazine* there was an article by Michael Friscolanti called “We were abandoned”, it was about the Canadian Sniper Team that supported U.S. troops during Operation Anaconda in the Shahikot Valley of Afghanistan in 2002. As you will remember during this operation the Team in question were recommended for the Bronze Star by their American commanders “for heroism on the battlefield.” Unfortunately all of the good things the Team did were washed away by unsupported accusa-

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If you have an opportunity to read this article I would love to see your comments in *SOF*. You have one Great Magazine!

Thanks
Dennis Blake

Three-Gun Match

I wrote you a few weeks ago but have not heard back. I am interested in shooting in your annual 3-gun match out in Vegas but can find no information about it. I used to shoot in it every other year or so but then had to stop for about 10 years. Now I can't find any information as to dates, registration, etc. Does the match still exist and if so how can I get more information?

Thanks,
Marc Weir

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(left) Brigands and smugglers have never fared well with the U.S. Coast Guard – but there has never been a better friend for those in trouble on the high seas. Here a USCG medic treats a merchant sailor in the Indian Ocean, after his vessel was inspected for contraband. Photo: U.S. Coast Guard

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VA Laptop Recovered

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the May 3 burglary at the Maryland home of an agency employee. "There is reason to be optimistic," he told reporters before one in a series of hearings Congress has held on one of the worst breaches of information security.

Newly discovered documents show that the VA analyst blamed for losing the laptop had received permission to work from home on data, which included millions of Social Security numbers.

Asian Phishing Scam – Veterans Beware!

Taking advantage of the concern over the potential information security breach involving the stolen VA laptop, there are increasing reports of internet users receiving email from the address abuse@vba.va.gov asking them to check an account by clicking on a link.

Reports are that this email is a phishing scam, an attempt to gain personal information.

The email address "abuse@vba.va.gov" is fake and the link in the email is to a web site in Asia. Delete this email if you receive it. **DO NOT OPEN** the email.

Not To Worry, Old Chap: England's Safe

A reporter from London's *The Sun* flashed a lost worker's ID and walked through two checkpoints at Britain's largest naval base at Plymouth, and spent an hour on board the Navy's 21,578-ton flagship HMS Ocean.

Posing as a maintenance man, the reporter strolled around the deck of the giant war ship — even pausing to thumb through her logbooks and sip a cuppa in the galley.

The base is surrounded by a 9-foot perimeter fence and guarded by security staff including scores of military police and Alsatians. A Navy spokesman said: "We take all breaches of security very seriously. A full investigation by the ship and the naval base has commenced."

U.K. Knife Amnesty, Broken Bottles Next

But safety on the island is sure to increase. A story in the *Sussex Express* notes that "dozens of knives have been handed into Sussex Police stations during the first 48 hours of the National Knives Amnesty, which runs until the end of June." [We're not making this up!]

The story went on to explain, "sealed red bins have been placed at 31 police stations across Sussex, allowing people to deposit unwanted weapons without

fear of prosecution... The aim is to reduce availability of knives and sharp-bladed instruments and to dissuade those, usually young men, who habitually carry them." Of the 60 knives tallied when that story went to press, 23 were "non domestic" knives (as in, not from granny's kitchen), and the remaining 37 "domestic." But one of the "non-domestic" knives was (ahah!!) a "large hunting knife." ✂

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Self Defense

As we go to press...

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The most recent battles in the global war on terror – on the northern and southern borders of Israel – have provoked politicians and pundits to make some very strange comments:

"As a sovereign nation, Israel has every right to defend itself from terrorist activities." – President George W. Bush.

"I fully support Israel's right to defend itself." – Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.

"Israel must defend itself, and it had the right to do so." – French Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy.

On their face, each of these statements appear supportive of Israeli military action in the aftermath of terrorist attacks across Israel's borders by Hamas in the south and Hezbollah in the north. Unfortunately, these expressions of "approval" miss the point – and invite a debate that is irrelevant. Every sovereign state, by any definition, has the "inherent right of self defense." Even raising the issue concedes that there may be a question about Israel's "right to exist" – the principal argument made by the Jewish nation's opponents ever since it came into being in May 16, 1948.

Worse, nearly all of these preambles are followed by judgments about the nature of the Israeli response to attacks across internationally recognized borders perpetrated by groups nearly universally accepted at terrorist organizations:

Bush concluded his "self defense" comments with the rather strange admonition: "Our message to Israel is to defend itself but to be careful about the consequences."

Paris, apparently chagrined that Israel would have the temerity to hold a war that competes with coverage of the Tour de France, was of two minds about the conflict. French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin insisted on an "immediate cease-fire," while Sarkozy urged, "as friends of Israel, we must advise it to maintain level-headedness and restraint."

The "cease-fire" theme was quickly adopted by Kofi Annan at the United

Nations and within the European Union. Javier Solana, the globe-trotting, promise-them-anything EU foreign-policy representative, rushed to Jerusalem to have his photo taken urging that the Israelis "stop combat operations immediately to prevent a humanitarian disaster in Lebanon."

As expected, the so-called mainstream media jumped on the "bash-Israel-now" bandwagon. Photos and videotape of Lebanese killed and wounded dominate the coverage – rather than explanations about Israel's attempts to break Hezbollah supply lines through Syria. A New York Times headline challenged: "With Israeli Use of Force, Debate Over Proportion." In the same edition, the "Newspaper of Record" included an "Interactive Feature" titled "A Question of Proportion" and invited reader input as to whether the Israeli Defense Forces had gone "too far."

Now, the Euro-elites and many in the U.S. media – the very ones most critical of American military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq – are urging that the United States intervene to "force" the Israelis to cease their efforts to eliminate Hamas and Hezbollah as threats. Critics of U.S. policy in Washington, New York and Paris are calling on Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to commence a round of "shuttle diplomacy" to "stop the killing."

Absent from all this is any sense of reality. Here are a few perspectives on the current conflict you won't get from the so-called mainstream media:

- Israel is fighting for survival against a regime that has sworn to wipe the Jewish state "off the map" – the Islamic Republic of Iran. While racing to build nuclear weapons, the Iranians are supplying money, rockets, missiles, weapons, training and technology to their Hezbollah proxies.

- Since the 1980s – when I was dispatched to Beirut, Lebanon, and Tehran, Iran, to seek the release of American hostages held in Lebanon – the U.S. government has known for certain that Hezbollah is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Iranian Intel-



Sgt. Dorsel B. Boyer, right, with Ollie North, during North's recent trip to Iraq. Boyer, assigned to 2/2 Brigade Combat Team, hails from Coshocton, OH.

ligence Service – VEVAK – and that the organization has killed hundreds of Americans.

- There is no way that any U.S. Secretary of State should ever sit down at a table to discuss anything with Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, the head of Hezbollah, or Mohammed Deif, the leader of Hamas. Thus, "shuttle diplomacy" is worthless.

The best way we can help end the current Mid-East conflict isn't to "pressure Israel," but to help break Hezbollah – an entity that cannot exist without direction and support from Tehran. The key to Hezbollah is Tehran – and the key to Tehran is – strangely enough – Pyongyang.

Tehran was stunned by the UN Security Council Resolution condemning North Korea's missile launches. Rather than trying to compel Israel to cease its military action against Hezbollah, we should instead pressure our western "allies" into a similarly strong-worded, enforceable resolution aimed at Tehran. We should start by seizing all Iranian assets currently "frozen" in the United States, distributing the proceeds of their sale to the victims of Iranian terror – and urging the Europeans to follow suit. ✕

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